

Social Narrative

For an independent visit to the museum with children



We are going to the Hunter Museum of American Art. While we are there, we will look at art and have fun.



When we arrive at the museum, we will see sculptures leading to the front entrance. If we want, we can stop and look at these sculptures. It is fun to look at all the different sculptures and pick our favorite.



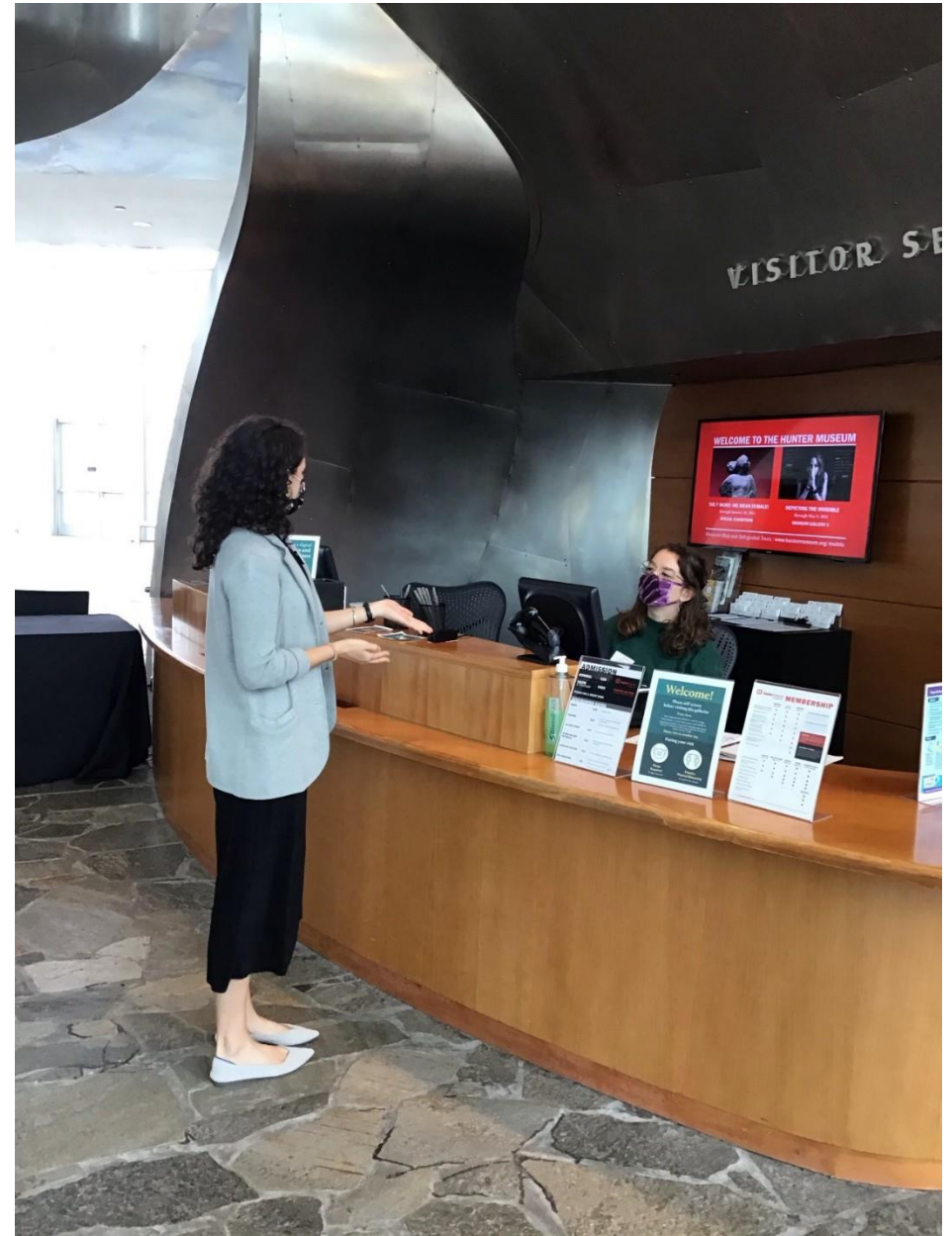
We can look at the sculptures. We cannot climb on the sculptures because it is not safe.

When we are ready, we can enter through the glass doors.



After we enter the museum, we will go to the visitor services desk to pay admission. There might be a few people standing in line. We might have to wait for a few minutes. When it is our turn, we will get our tickets.

While we are in the museum, we will see some staff members wearing masks. If we want, we can wear masks too.



There will be a friendly visitor services associate sitting at the visitor services desk. Visitor services associates wear name badges and want to help us. They can answer any questions we have about the museum.

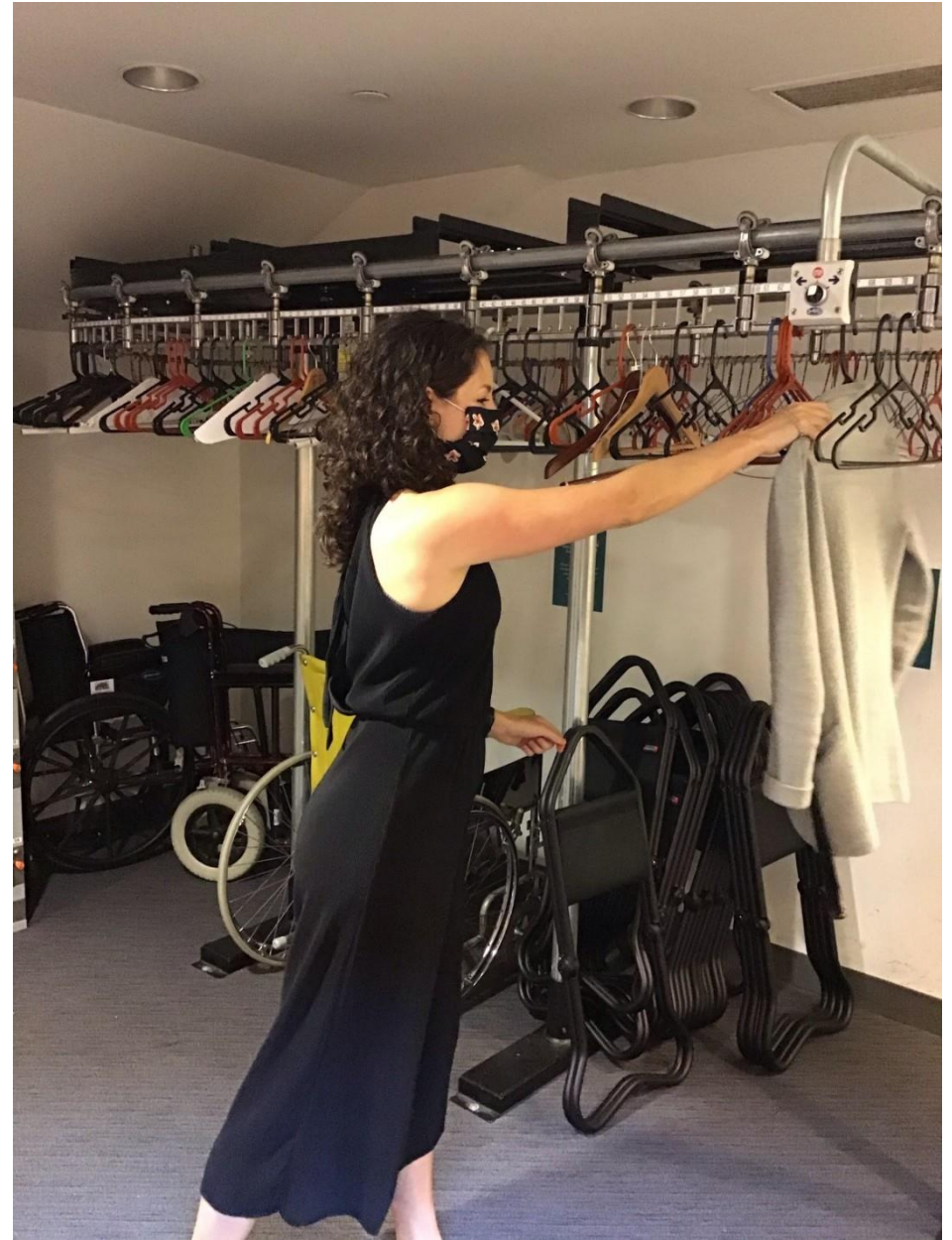


If we bring a coat or backpack, we can leave it in the coatroom. The coatroom is located behind the visitor services desk.



We can hang up our coats or place our belongings in a locker in the coatroom. If we bring a toy, we can keep it with us while we walk through the museum as long as it is quiet.

If we bring a snack or drink, we will have to leave it in the coatroom. We can always come back to the coatroom if we need our belongings.



When we are ready, we will go to the galleries to look at the art together. While we look at the art, we should keep our hands at our sides or behind our backs. This will help keep the art safe.



We cannot touch the art because touching can damage or break it.
If I need a break or want to go home, I will tell the adult I am with.

I need a break



I want to
go home

When we are ready to take a break, we can either go to the Paley Terrace or the East Lounge.



While we are on the Paley Terrace, we can get some fresh air.

If we want to take a break inside, we can go to the East Lounge. The East Lounge is quiet and has places to sit.



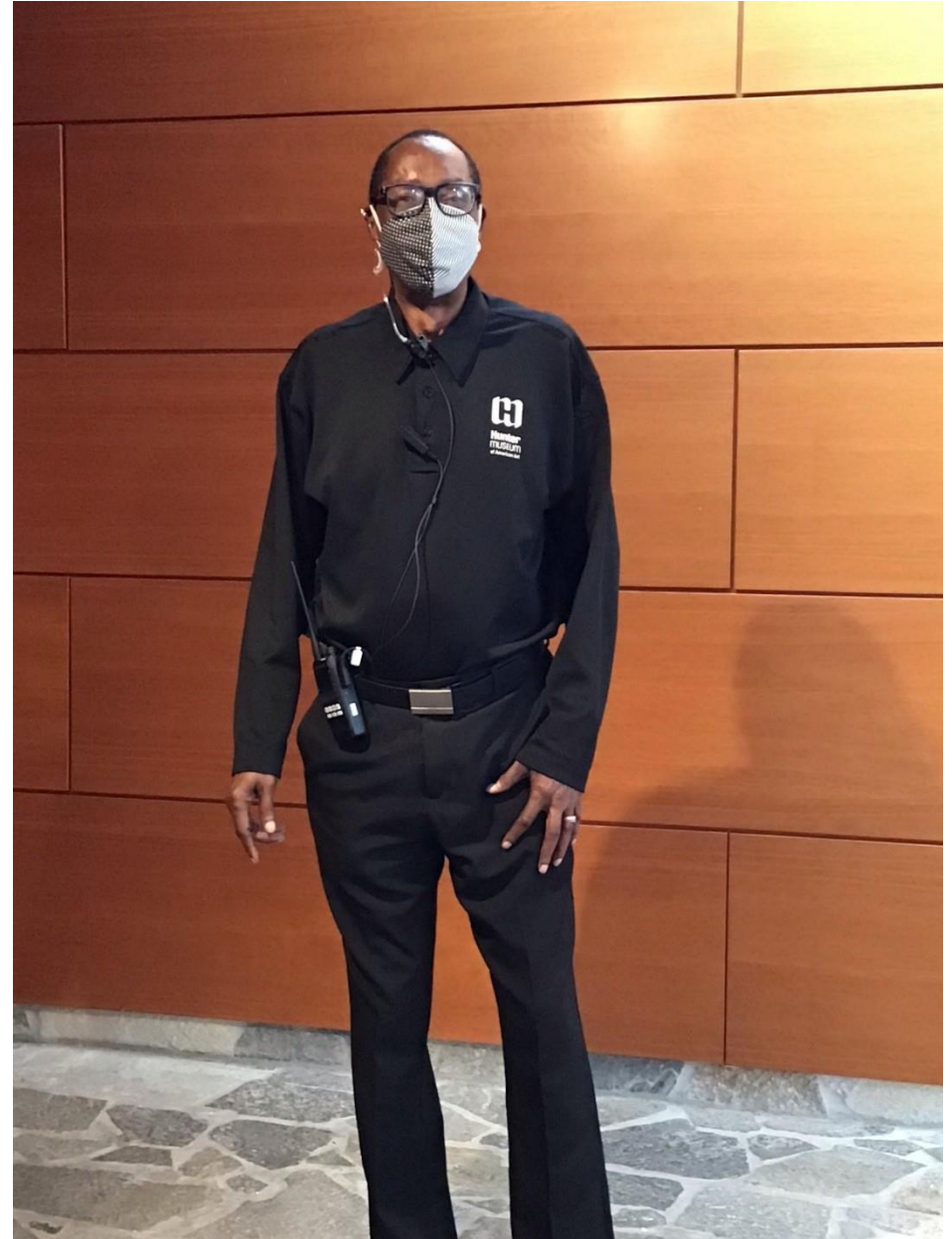
There are even some fun activities we can do in the East Lounge.

If we want to play, we can go to the Landscape Lounge. We can draw, write, or even make music on a keyboard while we are there.



While we are in the galleries, we might see security guards. Security guards have radios. They also wear black pants and black shirts with the Hunter logo. They are here to help people and keep the art safe. If I get lost, I can ask a security guard for help.

A security guard might ask us to step back, if we get too close to the art.



There are several places in the museum we cannot go. We might see signs or stanchions telling us a place is off-limits.



When we are ready to leave, we can go back to the lobby. If we left our belongings in the coatroom, we will have to get them before we leave.



We can leave through the same door we entered through.

Goodbye, Hunter Museum!

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