
NARA Notice 2020-165: Phase I Reopening of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library

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To: All Employees.

Attention supervisors: If you have employees who do not have access to a computer, please ensure that those employees receive a copy of this notice. This includes employees on LWOP or paid leave.

I am pleased to announce that one more NARA facility has entered into Phase I of our [Phased Reopening Plan](#). Based on the local public health conditions and the readiness of the facility, I have authorized the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library in College Station, TX, to enter Phase I reopening.

The George H.W. Bush Library has met all of the criteria necessary to enter into Phase I: procedures are in place for cleaning, social distancing, health assessments, and contact tracing; state and local government policies permit reopening; dependent care and public transportation limitations will not impede reopening; and sufficient staff are available to perform on-site Phase I work functions. The library has all required personal protective equipment (PPE) on hand for distribution to returning staff.

Local public health conditions in the surrounding county (Brazos County, TX) support reopening the Library. Brazos County is experiencing a little more than 100 new cases per 100,000 population and has a positivity rate slightly under 7 percent. Brazos County's performance against both metrics is well below NARA's targets for Phase I reopening, which we shared in [NARA Notice 2020-163](#). We will continue to monitor local public health metrics at all NARA facilities and will reopen or close additional facilities when local conditions require a change in NARA's operating status.

The George H.W. Bush Library is authorized to reopen according to the same procedure and with the same limitations announced in [NARA Notice 2020-134](#). Staff will not be scheduled to return before August 31. Staff at the library should not return to the worksite until you are contacted by your supervisor and have scheduled your return.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and each other. If you need assistance, please take advantage of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). EAP services are free, confidential, and available to all NARA employees, supervisors, and family members. EAP counselors are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by telephone 24/7 at 1-800-222-0364 (TTY 1-888-262-7848) or online at www.FOH4YOU.com. EAP information can also be found at the NARA@work EAP page.

With today's notice, I have authorized a total of 27 NARA facilities to enter into Phase I reopening. All of these facilities have met NARA's criteria for safe reopening and are located in jurisdictions where public health conditions support reopening. I will continue to prioritize the health of NARA staff when making reopening decisions. I look forward to authorizing the reopening of additional facilities when public health conditions improve. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we carefully reopen our facilities and restore our mission functions and operations.

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