
NARA Notice 2021-180: Two Public Reopenings and Two Facility Regressions

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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 two more Presidential Libraries—the Gerald R. Ford Museum and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library—will expand their on-site activities for the public. Unfortunately, both the William J. Clinton and Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Libraries have regressed to Phase One of our reopening plan.

On July 14, we will begin a limited public reopening of exhibit space at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids, MI. On July 17, we will begin a limited reopening of exhibit space at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library in Hyde Park, NY. Both libraries are in Phase Two, have approved museum reopening plans and contact tracing procedures, and have experienced a sustained period of local public health conditions that meet or exceed our reopening standard.

Both libraries have met NARA's progression criteria: local public health conditions support reopening; sufficient staff are available to perform on-site work functions; the facility has sufficient supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); and procedures are in place for safely performing on-site work functions, as well as cleaning, physical distancing, health assessments, and contact tracing.

Both libraries are located in counties with local public health metrics below NARA's targets for safe reopening of 200 new cases per 100,000 population and 10 percent positivity over the last 14 days. New case and positivity data for each NARA facility will be posted later today to the ICN COVID-19 Coronavirus Resources page [here](#). Both libraries will reopen to the public according to the procedures for public reopening that we announced in [NARA Notice 2021-146](#).

The William J. Clinton Library in Little Rock, AR, and the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene, KS, have regressed to Phase One staffing levels. Both libraries will continue their limited public reopening of exhibit space for now. Pulaski County, AR, the home of the Clinton Library, has exceeded our regression standard for new cases, but remains under 10 percent positivity. At the Eisenhower Library, in Dickinson County, KS, new cases are under 200, but positivity rates now exceed 10 percent. As a result, we have regressed both libraries to Phase One reopening for staff.

Today's notice reflects the growing gap between regions of the country with high vaccination rates and those areas that remain under-vaccinated. As the delta variant of the coronavirus spreads across the United States, there is substantial evidence that existing vaccines are effective at protecting people from infection. I urge all unvaccinated employees to get vaccinated, if possible, and encourage your unvaccinated family members to do the same. Vaccinations protect your health, your coworkers, and your community.

Please take care of yourselves and each other. If you need support or assistance coping with the stress of the pandemic, 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](#).

As of today, all 40 of NARA's facilities are in some stage of reopening. Thirty-seven facilities are in Phase Two reopening and three facilities are in Phase One. 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.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we carefully reopen our facilities and begin to restore our mission functions and operations.

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