
NARA Notice 2021-186 Phase Three Reopening of the Civilian Personnel Records Center, Closure of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, and Regression of Three Other Facilities

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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 the Civilian Personnel Records Center (CPR) in Valmeyer, IL, has progressed to Phase Three of our Reentry and Post-Reentry Plan. Based on local public health conditions, the CPR will increase daily occupancy and expand on-site operations on its reentry date of July 19. Unfortunately, the Eisenhower Library has closed, and three other facilities have regressed to Phase One.

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, KS, has closed to staff and the public. Dickinson County, KS, home of the Eisenhower Library, is experiencing local public health conditions that exceed our targets for safe opening. Last week, Dickinson County realized more than 200 new cases per 100,000 population and greater than 10 percent positivity. The Eisenhower Library will remain closed until local public health conditions improve.

The Harry S. Truman Presidential Library in Independence, MO, the National Archives at Kansas City, MO, and the Lee's Summit Federal Records Center in Lee's Summit, MO, have regressed to Phase One staffing levels. The Truman Library will continue their limited public reopening of exhibit space for now. All three facilities are located in Jackson County, MO, which has exceeded our regression standard for new cases and positivity. As a result, we have regressed all three facilities to Phase One reopening for staff.

Please continue to 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.

This announcement is the first time NARA has progressed a facility past Phase Two of our Reopening Plan. Unfortunately, public health conditions continue to deteriorate in other parts of the country and we were forced to regress and close other facilities. Vaccines are the most effective way to stop the spread of infection and control COVID-19. 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.

As of today, 39 of NARA's facilities are in some stage of reopening. One facility is in Phase Three, 33 facilities are in Phase Two, five facilities are in Phase One, and one facility is closed. 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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