
NARA Notice 2021-046: Closure of the Jimmy Carter Library and Regression of the George H.W. Bush Library to Phase One

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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.

NARA has closed the Jimmy Carter Library in Atlanta, GA, due to deteriorating local public health conditions. This closure is effective immediately and will continue until further notice.

Over the past 14 days, Fulton County, GA, home of the Carter Library, realized more than 406 new cases per 100,000 population and a positivity rate greater than 10 percent. These metrics exceed NARA's targets for safe reopening of our facilities. The Carter Library had progressed to Phase Two of our reopening plan before being closed. Unfortunately, the public health data suggests that local conditions at the library will continue to deteriorate, so we chose to close the facility completely instead of regressing to Phase One. The Carter Library will remain closed until local public health conditions improve.

The Archivist of the United States authorized the regression of the George H.W. Bush Library to Phase One of our reopening plan. Brazos County, TX, the home of the Bush Library, has exceeded our regression standard for new cases but is just under our 10-percent regression standard for positivity. Short-term metrics suggest that Brazos County will maintain a positivity rate at or near our regression metric. As a result, we will regress the Bush Library to Phase One out of an abundance of caution.

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.

Today's announcement brings us to seven facilities authorized to enter into Phase Two reopening, three facilities in Phase One, and 30 facilities 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 cooperation.

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