NARA Notice 2021-202: Closure and Regression of Eight 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.

NARA has closed the following facilities due to deteriorating local public health conditions. All three museums are now closed to the public.

- Subtropolis Federal Records Center (FRC) at Kansas City, MO
- Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library at Austin, TX
- George H.W. Bush Presidential Library at College Station, TX
- George W. Bush Presidential Library at Dallas, TX

All four facilities are located in counties that exceed our standards for safe reopening. Each facility is currently experiencing more than 200 new cases per 100,000 population and greater than 10 percent positivity over the past 14 days. New case and positivity data for each NARA facility will be posted later today to the ICN COVID-19 Coronavirus Resources page. These closures are effective immediately and will continue until local public health conditions improve.

The following facilities have regressed to Phase One staffing levels, due to deteriorating local public health conditions. The Reagan, Nixon, and Carter Presidential Libraries will continue their limited public reopening of exhibit space for now.

- Riverside Archives and FRC at Perris, CA
- Ronald Reagan Presidential Library at Simi Valley, CA
- Richard Nixon Presidential Library at Yorba Linda, CA
- Jimmy Carter Presidential Library at Atlanta, GA

All four facilities are located in counties that exceed our regression standard for positivity but remain under 200 new cases. We have regressed all four facilities, effective immediately and until local public health conditions improve.

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, 26 of NARA's facilities are in some stage of reopening. Twenty facilities are in Phase Two, six facilities are in Phase One, and 14 facilities are 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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