

Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome you back to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum! The well-being of our visitors and staff is our top priority, and we have adjusted your visitor experience to meet current health and safety guidelines.

Beginning July 22, the Museum will open our museum exhibits with limited capacity four days each week: Thursday/Friday – 2 PM – 5PM, and Saturday/Sunday 12 – 5 PM. Admission tickets must be bought online in advance for entrance.

Due to capacity limits in the galleries, your visit will be restricted to the designated two-hour time slot on your ticket. All visitors will be asked to leave the building at the end of their two-hour block.

You may purchase a maximum of six (6) tickets per visit. Changes are allowed on a ticket order at no additional cost. Please have your printed tickets or ticket confirmation displayed on your smartphone for entry.

Buy tickets and plan your visit.

All public events are cancelled until further notice. This includes in-person public programs, tours, school group visits, public meetings, external conferences, and facility rentals. Return to this website or monitor our social media accounts for operating status updates.

Need to Know

COVID-19 Enhanced Safety Measures

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum has implemented enhanced health and safety measures, but we cannot guarantee that any visitor will not contract COVID-19 while in the Museum. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place at this time. Visitors to the Gerald R. Ford Museum voluntarily assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure. In the event of a reported COVID-19 exposure during their visit, the person making the reservation will be notified by the email they provided on their reservation and that person will be responsible for notifying all members of their party.

Not Feeling Well?

Please stay home if you or any of your group member is sick or experiencing signs of COVID-19. Visitors agree to abide by the guidelines on the Museum's website and by all instructions posted in the Museum or provided by staff during the visit. If a visitor or a member of their party fails to follow the guidelines and instructions, they may be denied entry or required to leave the premises.

Visitors testing positive for COVID-19 (or guests who have a fever or are otherwise symptomatic on the date of their planned visit) should not visit the Museum and are eligible to reschedule their visit or receive a refund. *Please call (616) 254-0400 to reschedule.*

Face Coverings

Vaccinated visitors are not required to wear masks, though they are encouraged. All public visitors ages 2 and older who are not fully vaccinated will be required to wear a face covering on NARA grounds when physical distancing is not possible. Visitors must provide their own face coverings.

Entering the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum

Visitors are advised to check their temperature before arrival on the day of the timed ticket to confirm that they do not have a fever. Any visitor displaying visible symptoms of COVID-19 will be denied entry.

Please have your ticket(s) available (on your phone or printed) for entry.

Visitors, as well as their belongings, are subject to inspection. The requirement for bag inspection and visitor screening on entrance will result in an inability to guarantee our security officers can maintain 6-foot social distance during these procedures.

Bags and Backpacks

Bags and backpacks are not permitted. Only one purse or diaper bag is allowed per person, and bags cannot be larger than 17 × 26 inches (43 × 66 centimeters) in size. There is no coat check or area to store bags or luggage of any size.

Stay Six Feet Apart

For your convenience, floor markers have been installed to indicate directional flow and proper spacing of individuals and groups. Practice social distancing during your visit by staying at least 6 feet from anyone not in your group. Groups of no more than 6 will be able to social distance together. Children must stay with adults at all times. Failure to follow social distancing procedures and mandatory face covering policy will result in removal from the museum.

Elevators and restrooms will have limited capacity.

Getting Around the Museum

Paper maps will be available at the Visitor Services Desk within the museum.

A limited number of wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To use them during your visit, please notify Admissions staff upon arrival.

Enhanced Cleaning Measures in Place

The Gerald R. Ford Museum is conducting enhanced cleanings of the museum and high-touch areas. Hand sanitizers are available throughout the museum.

Refreshments

Food and water are not allowed inside the Museum. Water fountains are not available.

Contact Tracing

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum may share your name and email address with a governmental health authority should that information be requested for a COVID-19-related reason. If a visitor who was in the Museum near your visit reports that they were diagnosed with COVID-19, the Museum will use your contact information to notify you. If you do not want your name or email address used for these purposes, please email us at ford.museum@nara.gov. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum will not use your email address for any other purpose without your express permission.

To enhance the safety and wellbeing of our community, we ask that anyone testing positive for (or expressing symptoms of) COVID-19 within 5 days of their visit notify the Museum by email at ford.museum@nara.gov. Other visitors will be notified of potential exposure, but the identity of the person testing positive will not be communicated.

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Each of us plays a role in a successful and safe visit to the Gerald R. Ford Museum. Thank you for your patience and commitment to honoring our new safety protocols.