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The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum is OPENING

Grand Rapids, MI. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum is thrilled to announce it will open its doors to members on the 108 birthday of President Ford. "Friends of Ford" members will soon be able to purchase tickets for our "members only" weekend beginning on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, with limited hours (see below). The Museum will reopen to the general public on Thursday, July 22, 2021, with limited hours (see below).

"It is with great excitement that I am able to announce the public re-opening of the Museum," said Brooke Clement, Acting Director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. "Health and safety remain our highest priorities, but we are confident that our procedures will keep everyone safe while enabling visitors to see our permanent displays."

Tickets will be available for purchase online in limited quantities.

Tickets for Members of the Friends of Ford:

Admission tickets go on sale on July 12th

Link to purchase: https://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/visit-museum.aspx

At this time all tickets must be reserved online.

DATES and TIMEs available:

July 14 - 15 2PM - 5PM July 16 - 17 12 PM - 5 PM

Limited admission to Friends of Ford

(15 tickets per half hour; 30 tickets per hour)

Tickets for the General Public and Friends of Ford:

Admission tickets go on sale July 19th

Link to purchase: https://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/visit-museum.aspx

DATES and **TIMEs** Available

July 22 -23 2 PM - 5 PM July 24 - 25 12PM - 5 PM

Limited ticket sales

(15 tickets per half hour; 30 tickets per hour)

Important information for visitors:

- Admission tickets must be reserved online in advance at: https://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/visit-museum.aspx
- The Museum will be open four days a week: Thursday through Sunday.
- Limited admission tickets will be sold each day.
- Capacity will be limited to 30 guests per hour.
- Masks are not required for guests who have been vaccinated, though encouraged.
 Visitors ages 2 and older who have not been vaccinated are asked to use face coverings.
- The Museum will ask visitors to social distance, maintaining 6 feet apart from other guests.
- Floor markers and signs will guide visitors through the exhibits.
- Elevators and restrooms will have limited capacity.
- Groups larger than 6 are not allowed at this time.
- Guided tours are not available at this time.
- The Museum is conducting enhanced cleanings of the museum and high-touch areas.
- Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the Museum.
- Food and water are not allowed inside the galleries. Water fountains are not available.
- Bags and backpacks are not permitted. Only one purse or diaper bag is allowed per person.
- Wheelchairs will be available.

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The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum is located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is one of 14 presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. Dedicated in September 1981, the core of the Museum is the permanent exhibit, which allows visitors to experience highlights from President and Mrs. Ford's lives. The exhibit teaches democratic citizenship and allows for quiet reflection. In addition to the permanent exhibits, changing temporary exhibits draw artifacts from Museums all over the country. www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov

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