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Operational Changes in Response to COVID-19

*Public sites to close for two weeks starting Monday, March 16,
tentatively scheduled to reopen Monday, March 30*

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (March 14, 2020) – In order to limit health risks associated with COVID-19, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation will close most public sites for two weeks starting Monday, March 16 with operations tentatively scheduled to resume Monday, March 30.

These closures affect:

- Historic Area interpretive sites and programs
- The Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg
- Taverns and other Historic Area food and beverage locations
- The Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center
- The John D. Rockefeller Jr. Library
- Bassett Hall
- The Custis Square archaeological site

Ahead of Monday's wider closure, selected weekend programming has been cancelled, including carriage rides, the Musket Range, evening programs and Fifes & Drum performances.

Additionally, Colonial Williamsburg has cancelled Foundation-led meetings and conferences through April 21, including Colonial Williamsburg's annual Garden Symposium, originally scheduled for April 17-19.

Colonial Williamsburg hotels remain open, as will the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club and hospitality-site retail and food-and-beverage locations. Colonial Williamsburg's Merchants Square will also be open with individual shops and restaurants operating at their discretion.

Scheduled resumption of operations is dependent upon reduced health risk. Colonial Williamsburg continues to monitor public health guidance while working closely with government agencies, healthcare and private-sector organizations, William & Mary and other partners to coordinate response, and has aligned plans and response with those of Virginia Department of Health and other regional agencies.

Current information on Colonial Williamsburg operations is available online at colonialwilliamsburg.com/update and by following Colonial Williamsburg on Facebook [@ColonialWilliamsburg](https://www.facebook.com/ColonialWilliamsburg).

Additional information on COVID-19, including additional preventative measures is available from the Virginia Department of Health at vdh.virginia.gov and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at cdc.gov.

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The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia's 18th-century capital of Williamsburg. Innovative and interactive experiences highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 600 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers, lodging, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.

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