Message to Visitors

In response to the recent declaration of COVID-19 (coronavirus) as a pandemic viral disease and concern for the health of our visitors, employees and volunteers, Poplar Forest is enacting the following measures. These measures are being enacted based on guidance from the CDC and Virginia Dept. of Health and will be evaluated on an ongoing basis:

- Limiting tour sizes to no more than 10 persons per tour
- Increased efforts to disinfect high-touch areas such as counters, railings, doorknobs and handle, as well as reproduction objects.
- Posted signs in staff and public restrooms re-enforcing the importance of handwashing.
- Addition of disinfectant wipes and/or stations for visitor use in our restrooms, Museum Shop and Visitor Orientation Center. These items will be available at all entrances and exits.
- In the event that a guest, volunteer, or staff member is seen presenting signs of illness, coughing, or sneezing excessively at an event or activity, they will be asked politely to end their visit and leave Poplar Forest.

Additionally:

- Volunteers and employees who have been in direct contact with a person infected by the coronavirus may be asked to stay home for up to 14 days.
- Any employee with evident signs of illness can and will be sent home.

Based on current recommendations from the CDC, federal, state, and local health officials; there have been no changes to our tour schedule or public program offerings at this time. We will provide ongoing updates on our website and Facebook page, as well as notify guests of any specific changes as necessary.

We have instructed our staff and volunteers, and are asking our guests to follow guidelines set by the CDC:

- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently
- Avoid touching your face
- When possible, practice social distancing and avoid handshakes
- Sneeze and/or cough into your sleeve or tissues
- Remain at home if you are showing signs of illness