



THOMAS JEFFERSON'S
Poplar Forest

Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Virginia and the United States. Following guidance outlined in Governor Ralph Northam's "Forward Virginia" plan, **Poplar Forest is currently closed to the public. We hope to begin a gradual reopening for tours once Virginia enters Phase II (earliest projected date is Saturday, June 6.)** We want to be very clear in stating that the health and safety of our visitors, volunteers and staff is our primary concern. Please understand that our plan may need to be adjusted according to federal and state guidelines and current conditions in our area.

As of now, we plan to open a limited number of tours, no earlier than June 6, with most of the tours conducted outside the historic house. Tours will be offered at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Thursday through Sunday only, and will be strictly limited to a maximum of 10 people. Visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance to ensure a spot. We are also offering private tours at 11:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. Private tours are available for an additional fee and must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance by calling the Museum Shop at 434-534-8120.

Our retail establishment, the Museum Shop, will reopen to the public on Wednesday, May 20. Hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will adjust to seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. when we reopen for tours.

In order to protect the health of our visitors, staff and volunteers, **all visitors, frontline staff and volunteers are required to wear a face mask while on guided tours and when in buildings.** Poplar Forest frontline staff and volunteers will have their temperature checked when they arrive on-site, and we will be enforcing strict and regular cleaning procedures throughout the day. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation with this requirement.

As a reminder, any tickets purchased for a visit during the affected closure period (March 15, 2020–June 5, 2020) will be honored through June 5, 2021. If a ticket is unable to be used in the next year, we will issue a full refund of the ticket price, but ask that you consider turning your ticket purchase into a donation to the Corporation of Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest.

We very much look forward to welcoming visitors back to Thomas Jefferson's beloved retreat! We've been very busy and can't wait to share our progress with you!

*** Please monitor our website for specific details on timing and structure of tours prior to planning your trip and purchasing tour tickets.**