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Colonial National Historical Park Is Modifying Operations To Implement Local Health Guidance

Yorktown, Va. – Colonial National Historical Park, in response to guidance from James City County, City of Williamsburg, York County, and the Virginia Health Department, is announcing additional modifications to operations to support federal, state, and local efforts to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

As of March 30, 2020, Colonial National Historical Park will offer limited services outside those that support visitor or resource protection. At Colonial National Historical Park, the following services and operations will be suspended in order to comply with the Virginia, James City County, City of Williamsburg, and York County order:

Colonial Parkway will be closed to vehicle traffic from Highway 199 (west of Colonial Williamsburg) to Jamestown Island. The Parkway in that segment will be open to bicycles and pedestrians for a total of 8.6 miles but discourage visitors from congregating on small beaches along the James River. The visitor centers at Jamestown Island and Yorktown Battlefield will continue to be closed as well as the Battlefield visitor parking lot, Church Street Parking lot and adjacent beach picnic area and beaches under the Coleman Bridge.

The remaining grounds at Colonial National Historical Park will remain open and proper social distancing and health standards need to continue to be followed. The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners at Colonial National Historical Park is our number one priority. The National Park Service (NPS) is working service wide with federal, state, and local authorities to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. We will notify the public when we resume full operations and provide updates. Please check our websites at www.nps.gov/jame, www.nps.gov/colo, www.nps.gov/york, and social media channels.

The NPS encourages people to follow the Governor's stay-at-home order but those who choose to visit Colonial National Historical Park during this pandemic to adhere to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local public health authorities to protect visitors and employees. As services are limited, the NPS urges visitors to continue to practice Leave No Trace principles, including pack-in and pack-out, to keep outdoor spaces safe and healthy. There are no restrooms available.

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