

Policies for Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation related to Covid -19

The Plantation plans to be open for public visitation on weekends and select weekdays by appointment. If permitted, the Plantation will operate a summer camp (to start no earlier than June 29, 2020) when and if the State of Pennsylvania deems it safe to do so. We will develop a separate policy for summer camp operation by the end of May subject to laws in effect at that time.

The number of visitors on weekends will be limited to ensure proper social distancing, and there will be no events drawing large crowds until the Governor of Pennsylvania deems it safe to do so. The number of visitors or families will be limited to what is allowable at the time we open, based on advice from the State of Pennsylvania. As we are an open-air site we anticipate few situations where family units or individuals should ever be in close proximity to each other. Any demonstrations and activities will be roped off with at least a six foot separation between the demonstrator and the public, and staff will be on hand to discourage different groups of visitors from congregating or getting too close.

The Plantation consists of several buildings and an eighteenth century style farm. Traditionally most activities take place outside. We anticipate that at first we would not let the public inside our buildings but would open doors and windows of the farmhouse and textile cabin for viewing from the outside. In each room one staff member (or perhaps two if social distancing guidelines can be met) will demonstrate cooking, weaving or spinning, watched from the outside. We, however will attempt to do all of these activities outside.

Activities such as plowing, gardening, animal care, blacksmithing, woodworking, spinning, sewing obtaining water may be demonstrated by a single staff member in an outdoor location. If help is needed by another staff member social distancing will be maintained. Only visitors that arrived together (for example, members of the same family or household unit) may watch a demonstration at one time.

All visitors over the age of two years will be required to wear a mask on admission and keep it on during their stay, and all employees will wear masks while required by state law/DCNR law. *This will depend on law regarding masks for outdoor activities at time of opening.* Hand sanitizer stations will be available at the entrance/exit, near the restrooms, and at all regularly trafficked areas.

The restroom will be open at all times when the site is open for the comfort of the Plantation's visitors and to give full access to handwashing. Restrooms will be disinfected regularly throughout the day while the site is open and at the end of the day after closing.