

FOLKLORE VILLAGE

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Letter from the Board President, Maria Terres concerning COVID-19 protocol at Folklore Village

July 2, 2020

Folklore Village values the health and safety of our visitors, instructors, staff, and volunteers above all else. Our goal is to create and maintain, with the mutual cooperation of visitors, staff, and volunteers, a safe environment for all.

Recently, Madison, Dane County and surrounding communities have entered Phase II of the Forward Dane Reopening protocol. Folklore Village proposes to allow selective on-site programming determined on a case by case basis to occur using guidance from Forward Dane and the CDC, with protocols on Hygiene, Cleaning and Protective Measures, enhanced staff training to create as safe an environment as we can, and acknowledgement of the policies and behavioral expectations for all individuals coming on our property. We will follow guidelines for occupation of our facilities as laid out in the Forward Dane Public Health documents, Phase II, limiting to 50% capacity, with a maximum cap of 50 people at any given time.

Please understand that we are dealing with a dynamic situation as we monitor the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Decisions concerning a future progressive reopening are subject to multiple factors and the possibility of closing again exists. We anticipate revisiting and revising protocols as conditions change. We appreciate your patience as we navigate these uncertainties

We hope to offer programming that can be held while observing social distancing and other precautions. Please note that on-line offerings are continuing to be developed and offered and you are encouraged to consider these as well.

For complete details, we ask you to review our protocols as outlined in our Folklore Village – COVID-19 Safety Plan on our website: <https://folklorevillage.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Folklore-Village-COVID-19-Safety-Plan-V1R0-as-approved-by-BoD-13-July-2020-complete.pdf>

What follows is a *brief* summary.

Summary of What Folklore Village is Doing

- Extra cleaning and sanitizing of our facilities.
- Specific training for our employees in creating a safe environment.
- Limiting the number of participants who may be on-site at a given time.
- Limiting bathroom use to two people at a time with face masks.
- No communal meals; no overnight accommodations will be available until further notice (continued next page).

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- We cannot offer activities involving dancing, singing or the playing of wind instruments until further notice.
- Where possible, activities will be held outdoors;
- For the complete protocol for Staff and Employees, please review the document on our website: <https://folklorevillage.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Folklore-Village-COVID-19-Safety-Plan-V1R0-as-approved-by-BoD-13-July-2020-complete.pdf>

Summary of Expectations for Individuals Visiting Our Campus

- PLEASE do not come if you are sick. Folklore Village reserves the option of administering temperature checks and of asking anyone to leave if it is deemed necessary to preserve the safety of all. The CDC recommends that “high risk” individuals stay at home (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>) Folklore Village encourages you to carefully consider whether this recommendation means you should forego attending events at Folklore Village.
- Please come with a mask that must be worn all times when indoors except during the consumption of food. Masks must be worn outdoors any time that 6’ physical distancing cannot be maintained due to the nature of the activity.
- Please provide, on arrival, current contact information should it be necessary to alert participants after an event that potential COVID exposure has occurred.
- Maintain social distancing with six feet of distance between you and anyone outside of your personal family /quarantine group.
- Washing and sanitizing your hands frequently and especially before and after the use of any shared tools.
- Bring your own water or non-alcoholic drinks, food and disposable utensils.
- We will do our best to take all reasonable steps to ensure a safe environment while you are visiting. However, there are inherent risks in traveling to and visiting our campus. You will be asked to sign a liability waiver acknowledging that you are aware of the risks and are assuming them willingly.
- For our complete protocol statement, please review the document on our website: <https://folklorevillage.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Folklore-Village-COVID-19-Safety-Plan-V1R0-as-approved-by-BoD-13-July-2020-complete.pdf>

We hope that by working together and following the guidelines we have provided we can all have an enjoyable and safe experience visiting our beautiful campus.