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SHAKER VILLAGE TEMPORARILY CLOSING & CANCELLING EVENTS

Spread of COVID-19 virus forces Kentucky's largest historic landmark to close to public.

HARRODSBURG, Ky., (March 24, 2020) – Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is temporarily closing to all guests as of March 24, due to the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19 and instructions from Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and public health officials. After much thought, internal meetings with senior staff members and with the approval of the Shaker Village Board of Trustees it was decided that the Village needed to temporarily close to ensure the safety of its guests and staff.

The closure impacts access to all hiking trails, The Preserve, The Farm, The Inn, The Historic Centre, The Shops and The Trustees' Table restaurant. Limited staff members will still be on-site to care for farm animals, historic buildings and the grounds during the closure.

“So many businesses, individuals and families are dealing with the effects of the coronavirus, and it has now forced us to make the heart-breaking decision to close our doors for the time being,” said President and CEO Maynard Crossland. “Safety is always our top priority and we simply cannot put our guests and staff at risk. I know that we can weather this storm together as a community, state and nation, and I look forward to reopening the Village as soon as possible.”

With the closure of the site there was a consolidation of expenses in an effort to ensure that the Village will be able to return to its full extent once the COVID-19 pandemic ends. A temporary furlough on staffing has been implemented.

“The hardest part of this entire ordeal is sending our staff home. We have the best team, and we are truly like family,” said Crossland. “We’ve done our very best to take care of our staff by guiding and supporting them through this situation. It is our goal to bring them back to work as soon as possible.”

Events and programs that were scheduled through April 30, 2020 have been cancelled; however, some events may be rescheduled. Anyone who purchased a ticket or pre-registered for an event or program will be contacted by Shaker Village.

Shaker Village is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization and does not receive state or federal funding, but depends on generous contributions from guests, friends and supporters. With the closure of the site and cancellation of events the Village is in need, now more than ever, of financial support through donations. For more information on how to donate visit shakervillageky.org/donate.

ABOUT SHAKER VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL

Named a top hidden travel destination by BBC News and awarded TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is a landmark destination that shares 3,000 acres of discovery in the spirit of the Kentucky Shakers. With 34 original Shaker structures, the site is home to the country's largest private collection of original 19th century buildings and is the largest National Historic Landmark in Kentucky. Demonstrating a commitment to community, sustainability and ingenuity, Shaker Village embraces three pillars rooted in time-honored Shaker legacies, including balanced preservation and conservation; engaged learning and exploration; and warm, spirited hospitality. Onsite services at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill include overnight accommodations, dining, beverage and catering services, three craft shops, exhibitions in historic buildings, a farm and garden area, the Dixie Belle Riverboat and 1,200 acres of restored native prairie. For more information, please visit shakervillageky.org or call 859.734.5411.

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