



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site
John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site
Longfellow House – Washington’s Headquarters National Historic Site
Headquarters
99 Warren Street
Brookline, Massachusetts 02445

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Closure Order #20-001
March 16, 2020

Closures, restrictions and public use limits:

Closure Order – Portion of a Park Area: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5, the following park areas and facilities are closed, effective immediately, until further notice:

- Frederick Law Olmsted NHS including museum and visitor center
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS museum and visitor center
- Longfellow House - Washington’s Headquarters NHS including museum and visitor center

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)

Restrictions and Public Use Limits: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5, the following activities are restricted at Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS and Longfellow House – Washington’s Headquarters NHS effective immediately, until further notice:

- Gatherings of individuals on park land that violate any emergency public health mandates issued by local, state, or federal authorities

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)-(2)

Notice: This administrative order applies to all individuals subject to the regulatory authority of the National Park Service (NPS) within the boundaries of Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS and Longfellow House – Washington’s Headquarters NHS including park visitors, government employees, concession employees, park

residents and stakeholders, except as follows: Individuals performing emergency health- or infrastructure-related duties.

Finding: The NPS issues this administrative order for the purposes of maintaining public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. This order is consistent with the following state and federal public health directives:

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order dated March 16, 2020:
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-16-2020-k-12-school-closing-order/download>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19):
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

These directives require the NPS to take the actions identified above because:

- Public health directives require social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Allowing visitors into park buildings is likely to violate the requirement that persons stay at least 6 feet from each other.
- Public health directors prohibit gatherings of more than 50 people. Allowing individuals to mingle and gather within the park increases the risk of disease introduction and spread.

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. The effectiveness of this order will be assessed on an ongoing basis and will be modified or removed when conditions warrant.

Approval:



Superintendent

April 7, 2020
Date