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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency – Arkansas Federal Parks/Rec. Agency Timelines

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*The below information is based on website updates and media releases and includes COVID-19 closings and openings. The info details updates since June 12, 2020 at 8:15 a.m. and current to June 15, 2020 at 10:45 a.m.*

## **NPS – Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site (NHS)**

**(Announced update on June 12, 2020) – Beginning June 15, 2020, Little Rock Central High School NHS will begin Phase I access to the National Historic Site Visitor Center with free admission for daily visitation from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT, with limited services.** No more than 10 visitors will be allowed inside the visitor center at any time (4:00 p.m. last entry). Visitors may have to wait to access the facility and may be restricted to 30 minutes in the visitor center on higher visitation days. Exhibits are open, but the park film will be shown only upon request (4:00 p.m. last viewing). Limited informal programming on NHS grounds (selected times between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Outdoor spaces at Little Rock Central High School NHS remain accessible to the public in accordance with the latest federal, state, and local health guidance and include the Commemorative Garden and Elizabeth Eckford Commemorative Bench.

While these above areas are accessible for visitors to enjoy, a return to full operations will continue to be phased and services may be limited. **Current plans are for Phase II of park operations to begin on June 22, 2020, and to include scheduled tours of no more than 10 visitors.** Scheduled tours will not have access inside Little Rock Central High School at this time. Phase III will eventually allow full access to the visitor center, exhibits, park film, bookstore, and scheduled tours of no more than 50 participants. However, moving to Phase II and eventually Phase III is contingent upon successful implementation of Phase I beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>, as well as sufficient staff capacity, personal protective equipment, and current local and state health guidance.

Details and updates on park operations will continue to be posted on the website, [www.nps.gov/chsc](http://www.nps.gov/chsc), and social media channels. Updates about NPS operations will be posted on [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).