Office of Historic Alexandria  
COVID-19 Operational Guidelines  
March 26, 2021

OHA established the following guidelines to ensure consistent operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff will regularly re-evaluate these guidelines throughout 2021, based on guidance from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Virginia Health Department.

Guided Tours  
No in-person guided tours are being offered inside or on the grounds of Historic Alexandria properties. This minimizes the time people are within close proximity of one another. Self-guided information is available for many museums and outdoor historic sites.

Volunteers  
Currently, volunteers are not returning to work on site in OHA facilities. OHA maintains minimum staffing levels through paid staff and is prioritizing telework due to the small size and shared spaces of offices. While volunteers cannot work on site, we continue to provide opportunities for volunteering from home and offer virtual opportunities for volunteers to gather. In general, OHA is currently not accepting applications for new volunteers unless they can provide skills or expertise in an area that is currently not filled by our existing volunteers.

Rentals  
Facility rentals can take place at The Lyceum or Lloyd House, with a preference for streaming events from the lecture hall of The Lyceum and outdoor events like micro-weddings at Lloyd House. Both facilities have multiple restrooms and space for social distancing.

Public Programs & Events  
Limited outdoor public programs or events will be held at OHA facilities, based on current occupancy guideline and safety protocols. Virtual options are being made available for educational programs, lectures, workshops, school programs, scout programs, and more.

On-site research and collections use by the public  
Selected OHA library and artifact collections are available to consulting archaeologists and outside researchers. They may contact specific sites to determine availability and make appointments to use resources or to deliver artifacts. City guidelines and protocols including self-health checks, wearing masks, social distancing, and cleaning spaces after use will be followed. Contact information for visitors will be logged. The same protocols will be applied to outside contractors working with ship material at the City bus barn.