Let’s Visit the Mount Vernon

A social narrative for arriving to Mount Vernon during COVID-19
We are going to Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington.

The house is in Virginia, next to the Potomac River.
When I get to Mount Vernon, we will walk on a bumpy brick path from the parking lot to the entrance.

I will see a white gate and tent.
I will see adults that work at Mount Vernon. These adults are here to help me learn and keep me safe.

They wear a mask, red lanyard, and a special uniform.
Some employees dress like they are from George Washington’s lifetime.

They will help me learn about everyday life at Mount Vernon.
I will see a Mount Vernon employee at the gate who will provide us with a clear plastic bag if we do not have one.
There are many animals at Mount Vernon. I might see some when I arrive.

I will try not to pet or feed the animals. Sometimes the animals make noises or smells.
Guests will wear masks too! This is to help keep me healthy.

My adult might ask me to wear a mask.
My group will stand 6 feet away from other people. This will help us stay safe and healthy.

There are many signs to remind me.
George Washington was 6 feet tall! This statue of him is 6 feet tall too!

This can help me remember how long 6 feet is.
We will buy tickets here.

If we bought our tickets online, we can go directly to the Ford Orientation Center.
We will enter the Ford Orientation Center.

Many people visit this building. I will wait my turn.
I will wait for a Mount Vernon employee to check our bags. This is to keep me safe.

If I don’t bring a bag, I can walk right in.
My group will walk through the Ford Orientation Center.

The floors are hard and shiny.
Sometimes announcements are made on a speaker in the Orientation Center.

The announcements might be loud.
When we leave the Orientation, we will use this path to enter the historic area.
Let’s explore the historic area!
There is so much to explore outside! I can visit places like the blacksmith shop or the gardens.

I can use other social narratives to learn more about what we will see.