



Press Release

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San Diego Children's Discovery Museum closes to the public beginning March 14 through April 5

Escondido, California (March 13, 2020) - San Diego Children's Discovery Museum today announced that it will temporarily be closed to the public beginning Saturday, March 14 through Sunday, April 5 to slow and prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The decision follows recent federal, statewide and local guidelines and recommendations regarding social distancing.

"It is with a heavy heart that we have made the difficult decision to temporarily close the Museum in response to the developing COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on our community. It is our responsibility as an important community resource for children and families that we keep the health and safety of our patrons and staff at the forefront of everything we do. Thus, our Museum will remain closed during this time as a proactive measure to limit the spread of COVID-19. By temporarily closing our doors, we want to do our part and limit opportunities for gatherings," said Executive Director Wendy Taylor. "We look forward to reopening the Museum, which we currently plan to do on April 6, pending any new developments."

In addition to closing to the public, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum is also postponing its annual spring gala, and cancelling all special events, field trips, spring camp, and outreach activities through mid-April.

Museum leadership will continue to follow guidance from local, state, and federal authorities. Through the closure, information and educational resources will continue to be shared on the Museum's website to continue to support families while they may be spending extensive time together at home.

The Museum has created a COVID-19 information webpage, which will be kept up to date with the latest news related to museum operations.

Visit SDCDM.org to learn more.

ABOUT San Diego Children's Discovery Museum

San Diego Children's Discovery Museum (SDCDM)'s mission is to inspire children to learn about our world through exploration, imagination, and experimentation. The Museum's hands-on educational exhibits and programs focus on science, art, and world cultures for children up to age 10. The Museum designs and fabricates its own exhibits, with new exhibits added each month. New exhibits at the facility include Floating Objects, Base Camp, Nature Play, Water Wise Interactive and Living Water Tables, Children's Discovery Garden, Kids Global Village, Reading Book Nook, Toddler Tide Pool, Our Town: Careers & Community, and Magnification Station. The Museum is open every day except Mondays.

Admission is \$9.50 per person, \$6.50 for military, and free for children 12 months and younger. Memberships, group discounts, birthday parties, and summer camps are available. San Diego Children's Discovery Museum is affiliated with the Association of Children's Museums, as well as the San Diego Museum Council.