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Arizona Science Center to Temporarily Close Facility in Response to Rapid Continued Increase of COVID-19 Cases in the State

PHOENIX, AZ (JUNE 30, 2020) – From the desk of Chevy Humphrey, The Hazel A. Hare President and CEO of Arizona Science Center:

Arizona Science Center has been carefully monitoring the rate of COVID-19 in Arizona and been engaged in ongoing discussions with public health experts. Based on the rapid continued increase in COVID-19 numbers, the Science Center has decided to temporarily close our facility and in-person summer camps, effective immediately.

While our health and safety practices have been cited as best-in-class by health experts, given the negative trends in numbers in Arizona, we are closing in an effort to encourage people to stay at home at this critical time. We recognize our role as thought leaders in science and want to model responsible decision-making to help to reduce the spike in cases and the resulting pressure on local health systems.

Safety and community support remain our top priorities. We will continue to build out our online learning resources to support science engagement and learning for people of all ages during this challenging time.

We will actively monitor the data and will determine next steps for controlled reopening as appropriate. We will communicate these plans by email and on our website in the coming weeks at www.azscience.org.

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