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## **Arizona Science Center to Reopen on August 28 with New Ways to Visit**

*Visitors Will Choose Between Options Featuring Guided Experiences and Self-Guided Visits*

PHOENIX, AZ - August 26, 2020 --- Arizona Science Center announced that it will open its doors to visitors, beginning August 28 to Members and on September 4 to the general public. Guests will have the options for self-guided tour, guided experiences, or a combination of both while following strict health and safety guidelines.

“Our world has changed. Our method of bringing science to our guests has changed, but our mission has not,” said Chevy Humphrey, The Hazel A. Hare President and CEO, Arizona Science Center. “Following strict health and safety guidelines, our doors will reopen with modified museum experiences designed to inspire, educate, and engage curious minds through science.”

Visitors will have the choice of selecting guided experiences in the mornings and self-exploration of levels 1, 2, and 3 throughout the day. The Science Center will remain closed on Tuesdays for deep cleaning. Some exhibits will remain closed, so please check the website for specifics.

All safety protocols, implemented when the Science Center opened in June, will be maintained for the foreseeable future. Guests and Team Members must wear face masks/coverings and social distance. Guests will be expected to purchase timed tickets in advance. Team Members will complete a health screening on a daily basis. Guests and Team Members are expected to wash their hands regularly or use our sanitizing stations.

Health and safety guidelines will be shared with guests prior to arrival and again upon arriving at the Science Center. Signage throughout the Science Center will remind visitors and employees to follow the CDC’s physical distancing and hygiene guidance.

“With almost 200,000 square feet of space, we have the perfect set up to be able to enjoy science safely. We are eager to also be able to provide safe and responsible ways for our community to engage with science,” said Humphrey.

This plan was developed to be compliant with the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, State of Arizona, and U.S. laws and regulations, and is in line with guidance provided by Arizona Department of Health Services, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control. As community transmission rates decline, these guidelines will be adjusted.

**ABOUT ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER** The mission of Arizona Science Center is to inspire, educate and engage curious minds through science. The Center, located at 600 E. Washington Street in downtown Phoenix, features more than 300 hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations, a range of interactive online science content, the state-of-the-art Dorrance Planetarium and the five story Irene P. Flinn Giant Screen Theater. **CREATE** at Arizona Science Center®, adjacent to the main building, is the newest addition. This 6,500 square-foot community makerspace provides workshops, including 3D printing, laser cutting, woodworking and sewing. The Center offers programs for all ages, including **CONNECT @ Arizona Science Center**, **CAMP INNOVATION**, Teen programs, Professional Development and Learning for Educators, and adults’ night out: **Science With A Twist**. The Center also offers a broad range of online science learning resources for parents, educators, students and anyone curious about science. For further details, please visit [azscience.org](http://azscience.org).



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