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**Children’s Museum of Atlanta to reopen on July 1 with enhanced health and safety measures**

*Soft opening for members planned for June 26*

**ATLANTA (June 19, 2020)** — After a three-month temporary closure due to COVID-19, the **Children’s Museum of Atlanta** will reopen its doors to the public on **July 1** with a members preview week beginning June 26. Guests will once again enjoy the Museum’s educational programs and exhibits with enhanced health and safety measures. The museum will operate in a two-hour session format with three sessions daily and scheduled thorough cleaning breaks to disinfect and sanitize.

“We have been working hard and looking forward to the time when we can safely welcome children and families back to spark imaginations and sense of discovery through physical play,” said Jane Turner, Executive Director of Children’s Museum of Atlanta. “Over the past few months, we have missed the laughter, play and discovery that happens so powerfully when children are at the Museum. With the health and safety of our guests at the forefront of every decision, we worked closely with local health officials and the team at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta to ensure that all of our plans and procedural changes reflected the most up-to-date and scientific research and recommendations.”

Children’s Museum of Atlanta has implemented new procedures and precautions to promote an enjoyable and safe visit, including:

* Limited capacity in each session to encourage social distancing
* Deep cleaning will occur between each session and high touchpoints throughout the Museum will be cleaned during sessions
* Museum staff will wear masks on the floor at all times
* Face masks are required for everyone 5 years and older; masks will be available for purchase
* Open air space on the patio will be designated for guests to take PPE breaks
* Art Studio and Build It! Lab projects will take place in open spaces
* Additional hand sanitizing stations have been installed throughout the Museum
* No food will be allowed inside the Museum
* No cash will be accepted at the Museum Store or during Membership purchases
* Sneeze-guards will be in place at store check-out, member desk and security with credit card machines and ticket scanners facing guests

Tickets will be available online only and will not be sold at the Welcome Center. Phone booking is available with ample notice and will be booked via online reservation by a team member. Pre-booking is required for Members and will begin on Monday, June 22.

"We are a community and we all have a part to play,” said Turner. “By following the safety procedures that the Museum has set forward, guests will be able to enjoy the Museum in a smart and safe way.”

The Museum will be operating daily with the following modified hours:

* 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
* 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
* 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

More information on ticket reservations and purchases, revised operating hours and the Museum’s reopening plan can be found [here](https://childrensmuseumatlanta.org/response-to-covid19/?utm_source=MASTER+List&utm_campaign=a1b34df4db-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_07_08_04_04_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1e97d49ae4-a1b34df4db-).

**About Children’s Museum of Atlanta:**

Children’s Museum of Atlanta is the only educational venue of its kind in Atlanta, presenting educational programs and exhibits designed for young children ages 0-9. The mission of Children's Museum of Atlanta is to change the world by sparking every child's imagination, sense of discovery and learning through the power of play. With six permanent learning zones consisting of bright, creative and hands-on exhibits, the Museum supports inventive play-based exploration and experiential learning focused on the whole child. Core competencies for literacy, math and science are promoted throughout all exhibits and programming in alignment with the state and national Core Performance Standards. Children’s Museum of Atlanta also offers parties, memberships, field trips, summer camp and private events. For more information or to support Children's Museum of Atlanta, visit [childrensmuseumatlanta.org](https://childrensmuseumatlanta.org/) or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].