



MEDIA ALERT

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY CLOSING TO HELP PREVENT SPREAD OF COVID-19

WHAT: **Chicago (March 13, 2020)**—The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) announced today that it will temporarily close starting Saturday, March 14 through April 6 in an effort to help contain the spread of COVID-19. We plan to reopen on Tuesday, April 7 but will continually evaluate the situation, taking into account guidance from the Chicago Department of Public Health and the CDC.

“As an institution rooted in science, we are proactively taking this step based upon the facts,” said David Mosenka, president and CEO of the Museum. “While we have no known cases connected to MSI, we are closing to minimize the spread of this virus and to help ensure the safety and health of our students, guests, employees and their families. While we know that this decision will pose challenges to our community, the available data indicate that taking early and decisive steps to reduce group interactions is critical to controlling the spread of the virus.”

Along with the temporary closure, all public programs and events between now and April 6 are postponed or cancelled, and we are reaching out to those who have reserved private events during this timeframe. The Museum has developed an operational plan which will allow MSI to reopen safely and responsibly while creating provisions to support hourly and salaried staff during the closure, including continuation of health benefits.

Guests who have purchased tickets to the Museum through April 6 will be refunded.

WEBSITE: We encourage media and the public to visit msichicago.org/covid19 for the most up-to-date information.

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