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**MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY WELCOMES
GUESTS BACK AUGUST 1 WITH FREE ADMISSION**

CHICAGO (July 16, 2020)—The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) will reopen to the public August 1 after being closed for more than four months. All guests will receive free admission through August 14 as part of the Museum’s commitment to providing access to science learning.

“We’re excited to invite guests to explore science with us again,” said Matt Simpson, Vice President of Strategy and Marketing/CMO. “As one of the largest science museums in the world, our exhibit galleries are big enough to fit an entire submarine, a dozen cars and trains, and even a 727 airplane. It’s a great place to discover science in a way you never could at home.”

New attractions include the film *Superpower Dogs*, shown on a five-story, domed wraparound screen with a safe, capacity controlled environment. Narrated by Chris Evans, you’ll meet remarkable dogs who fight crime, protect endangered species and save lives.

Guests also can unwind on the Museum’s front lawn, which will offer food and beverage sales under a tent, tables for dining, and plenty of grass for picnics and playing. The Museum’s iconic north doors will be open for entry for the first time in 15 years.

MSI members will be the first to be welcomed back during special member-only days July 29-31.

“As a science museum, we listened to health experts and scientists to develop a safe and welcoming environment for Chicago-area families to unleash their curiosity,” Simpson said. “We wanted to make it easy to get out of the house and do something fun together.”

MSI has also rescheduled the opening of *Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes* to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The exhibit was scheduled to open at MSI on October 8, 2020. The new dates are March 4, 2021 through September 6, 2021. Guests who purchased tickets will be contacted to reschedule their visit.

New Visit Procedures

Following city and state guidelines, the Museum has implemented comprehensive new procedures to ensure guests and staff remain safe. Daily capacity is limited to 2,000 guests, which is under the 25 percent capacity limit. Timed admission tickets and

physical distancing measures will reduce crowding. Face coverings are required for all staff and guests ages 2 and older. Changes include:

- MSI will be open Wednesday through Sunday, closed Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Guests must reserve a timed-entry ticket in advance of their visit at msichicago.org. Tickets will be delivered via email for no-contact entry scanning on mobile phones.
- Some exhibits and experiences are closed or modified to reduce contact. Tours inside the *Coal Mine* and on-board the *U-505 Submarine* are suspended, although the *U-505* exhibit remains open. The *Idea Factory* and *Future Energy Chicago* exhibits are closed.
- High-touch areas are being disinfected hourly, and hand sanitizer is readily available throughout the Museum.

Detailed information is available at msichicago.org/welcome.

As part of its mission to inspire the inventive genius in everyone, MSI will continue to engage people at home with free experiments and activities through its Science at Home campaign and across its social media channels. Our Summer Brain Games program encourages families to discover STEM in the city with free activities. Learn more at msichicago.org/summerbrain.

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI), one of the largest science museums in the world, offers world-class and uniquely interactive experiences that inspire inventive genius and foster curiosity. From groundbreaking and award-winning exhibits that can't be found anywhere else, to hands-on opportunities that make you the scientist—a visit to MSI is where fun and learning mix. Through its Welcome to Science Initiative, the Museum offers a variety of student, teacher and family programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to MSI's larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering. The Museum is grateful for the support of its donors and guests, who make its work possible. MSI is also supported in part by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit msichicago.org or call (773) 684-1414.