



As the full impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to grow, Kidzu Children's Museum has been closely monitoring the guidance of public health agencies to decide how best to proceed.

Though we have had no known or reported cases of Coronavirus here at the museum and have taken extensive protective measures to limit exposure within our walls, we feel the only way to truly mitigate the spread of the virus and protect loved ones who are at the highest risk, is to <u>discourage</u> public gathering and <u>encourage</u> social distancing until health officials feel it is under control.

Therefore, effective Sunday, March 15th, Kidzu's Children's Museum will close temporarily for the next two weeks at minimum.

While this presents challenges in the short-term, we believe instituting these changes will have far-reaching benefits for public health over the long-term.

## The Good News:

Members of our Programs team have planned a daily menu of cool things for you to do with your kids during our closure! Check out our website and social media posts for video programming and activity suggestions to do at home. We're here for you and excited to work together remotely!

## A Request:

As a non-profit that depends on admission and programming to support Kidzu operations, times like this inevitably carry a great financial burden for our museum. **Your generosity continues to be invaluable**. Please consider purchasing gift certificates for loved ones, maintaining your membership or simply donating to the museum during this temporary closure.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely, following the recommendations of health officials, and will be posting updates on our website and through social media. In the interim, please direct any questions, issues or concerns <a href="here">here</a>. We will be checking this email account frequently.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and key stakeholders at Kidzu, we thank you for your understanding, and beyond all, your recognition of the power each of us has to save lives.

We wish you and your family good health.

Sincerely,

The Kidzu Children's Museum Team

P.S. We know the news around the Coronavirus may seem frightening—for kids and adults alike. So, we found some resources we hope you find helpful in talking about the Coronavirus with your children:

- Keeping your child safe and reassured (from CNN)
- How to talk to children about coronavirus (from NY Times)
- A comic for kids on the Coronavirus (from NPR)

Please reach out with comments, questions and suggestions. We look forward to seeing all of you at Kidzu very soon.