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COVID-19 & Keeping Leonardo's Families Safe

Leonardo's Children's Museum and its programs will be temporarily closed to the public beginning Sunday, March 15th in an extreme effort to keep our children and families safe from this rapidly spreading public health emergency (COVID-19).

The Leonardo's family (members, guests, friends and families) and their safety is top priority for the organization and its leadership. This is not a decision made lightly and will have very long-term implications. This is our small part to slow the progression of this coronavirus global pandemic. We believe this will allow us to continue to safely enrich and inspire the young minds of our future for many generations to come.

Leonardo's Children's Museum has had no known cases of COVID-19 connected to our facility. The Board of Directors and Executive Staff of Leonardo's is working closely with many other agencies across the state and nation. Therefore, following the recommendation of the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) our temporary closure is expected to be through April 1st.

For those of our Leonardo's family that have events and other things scheduled with us, please be patient. We will be reaching out to each of you as fast as possible to discuss each individual situation. Every single member and guest is very important to our children's museum. Unfortunately, our Spring Break Camp will be cancelled as well. This camp is another way we serve and support families, however in order to follow recommendations of 'social distancing'—we must cancel. Executive Director, Tracy Bittle says, "I am heart broken to not be able to have camp and welcome guests during our historically most attended week of the year. Safety is our number one core value and we have no other choice. Now, I pray that it is only for two weeks that we must remain closed." Please closely watch www.leonardos.org, our social media sites and you can always call 580-233-2787 for questions or more information. Again, please be patient, and staff will reach out to you or return your call at our earliest ability.

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