

# COVID-19 Update 5 August 2020:

The Fresno Discovery Center Board of Directors has decided to reopen! For detailed information regarding our reopening plan see our “Worksite Specific COVID-19 Prevention Plan” here:

[https://1e902bc9-b9bb-44ad-b6e8-bca654ec89be.filesusr.com/ugd/b4b5f8\\_1815116ff66946dcb7660428846ffc9c.pdf](https://1e902bc9-b9bb-44ad-b6e8-bca654ec89be.filesusr.com/ugd/b4b5f8_1815116ff66946dcb7660428846ffc9c.pdf)

Briefly, changes currently include:

**\*Requiring admission reservations for both MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS through our website at [www.fresnodiscoverycenter.org/admission](http://www.fresnodiscoverycenter.org/admission)**

-Limiting the number of visitors allowed at one time.

-Increased cleaning schedules.

-No food is currently allowed (Drinks are allowed provided they are in a sealed container).

-The indoor museum will remain closed until Stage 3. Guests may visit the our outdoor areas including:

- Playground
- Turtle & Koi Pond
- Dino Dig
- Outside Animals
- Meadow
- Cactus Garden
- Garden of the Sun

-Everyone on the premises will be required to:

- follow social distancing guidelines.
- wear a mask over their nose and mouth (0-2 year olds exempt).
- have their temperature scanned and answer a brief health questionnaire.
- give their name and contact information **ONLY TO BE USED BY FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT** for contract tracing purposes. (This information will be recorded on paper, kept locked, and shredded after 2 weeks.)

While we understand there is no case in which the risk of COVID spread is 0%, we believe we have minimized the risk as greatly as possible. By following the guidelines (and advice) set by the Fresno County Department of Public Health, we will strive to protect our visitors, volunteers, and employees while continuing our mission to ignite curiosity and imagination in Central Valley youth!

For further updates & information on COVID guidelines visit the California Department of Public Health ([www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx#Alerts](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx#Alerts)) or the Fresno County Department of Public Health ([www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health](http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health)).

We hope to see you back at The Fresno Discovery Center, but more importantly we hope you all stay safe and healthy!

# Covid-19 Update 7 July 2020:

The Fresno Discovery Center Board of Directors is closely monitoring the status of Fresno County and working to develop a reopening plan that keeps our customers and employees safe and follows county/state guidelines. We will update you in the coming weeks. We will post any updates here and on our social media sites.

Please visit our STEAM center for fun, educational activities and resources:

<https://www.fresnodiscoverycenter.org/s-t-e-a-m-center>

For further information from the California Department of Public Health:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx#Alerts>

# Covid-19 Update 28 June 2020:

The Fresno Discovery Center is opening outdoor areas for a Celebration by Reservation the morning of the 4th of July. To register for this event visit:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1C4IOgWYOjGM4wZtkpNdCJzppC\\_b9N4nox0hxJEurH1c/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1C4IOgWYOjGM4wZtkpNdCJzppC_b9N4nox0hxJEurH1c/edit)

More events and open hours will be planned after our Board reviews this event. We will post updates here and on our social media sites.

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For more information from the California Department of Public Health visit:

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## Covid-19 Update 4 June 2020:

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For further information from the California Department of Public Health:

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## Covid-19 Update 13 May 2020:

The Fresno Discovery Center Board of Directors have decided to extend the Covid-19 closure through **Friday, June 5th**. We will post any updates here and on our social media sites.

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For further information from the California Department of Public Health:

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# Covid-19 Update 4/10/2020:

The Fresno Discovery Center Board of Directors have decided to extend the Covid-19 closure through Friday, May 15th, with any updates being posted here and on our social media sites.

We know that this is the right decision for the safety and health of our visitors, members and staff, but we are all grieving the loss of this last 6 weeks, especially for our students who look so forward to their field trips. That mourning process is hard and very few of us have made it to the acceptance stage yet. These feelings are valid and we all must work through these stages of grief in our own time and space. Please do not ignore your mental health during this time that we are sheltering in place to protect our physical health.

We will continue to post additional information on our website as it becomes available.

For further information from the California Department of Public Health:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx#Alerts>

## Covid-19 Closure:

We have been closely monitoring the status of Fresno County and have been able to serve our guests while following the guidance set by the CDC and the California Department of Public Health.

Unfortunately, after the release of Governor Gavin Newsom's announcement and new guidelines from California's public health experts, we have decided the best course of action is to close to the public.

**We will be closed this Monday, March 16th, through Wednesday, April 15th.**

We will reevaluate the situation as April 15th draws closer to determine the best course of action. We are working with our educators and schools to handle field trips in the safest ways possible. We will post additional information on our website as it becomes available.

