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Children's Museum of Pittsburgh Open Wednesdays Starting July 21, 2021

The Museum Continues to Increase Access and Adjust COVID-19 Policies

Pittsburgh, PA (Thursday, July 8, 2021) – Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh is adding Wednesdays to its open days starting July 21. The Museum will be open 5 days a week, Wednesday – Sunday, from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. MuseumLab is adjusting its hours and will be open from noon to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

We thank our visitors for their support of and compliance with our COVID-19 policies. Masks will continue to be required by all staff and visitors over the age of 2 at the Museum. We will continue to review our operations and anticipate evaluating and adjusting our COVID-19 policies in the future.

Timed tickets are strongly encouraged for all visitors, including members, as walk-up tickets are limited. Timed tickets can be purchased at pittsburghkids.org.

Since opening in June, the Children’s Museum has seen high turnout, and we look forward to seeing more kids and families as we expand our operations from four to five days a week.

“We are thrilled to continue to expand our hours and operations at Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh,” said Jane Werner, Executive Director of the Museum. “It has been a pleasure welcoming back guests, hearing the sounds of laughter and watching kids and families experience learning and creativity in our exhibits and with our staff. Going forward we’ll continue to evaluate our operations and make adjustments as needed.”

In addition, the Nursery will now be open on all open days at the Museum, with limited access on Wednesdays.

The Museum's Cafe will remain closed. Guests are welcome to bring food and drinks to enjoy at our café tables or in Buhl Community Park. Guests are permitted to exit the Museum to eat outside, then re-enter (with their wristbands) to continue their visit.

In addition to our timed ticketing system, the following health and safety protocols are part of the Museum's COVID-19 policies:

- All staff and visitors are required to wear face masks in the Museum, except children ages two and younger.
- The total number of visitors admitted to Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and MuseumLab combined is limited daily to ensure social distancing in a safe and reasonable way.
- The number of families in each exhibit is monitored and signage posted to assist groups maintain their social distance.
- Touchless check-in is used at the front desk.
- Hand sanitizer stations are widely available throughout the Museum campus.
- The Museum undergoes a regular deep cleaning and exhibit areas are cleaned at intervals throughout the day when the Museum is open.
- Temperature checks will no longer be required for admission.
- Water fountains in the Children's Museum and MuseumLab are not operating; water bottle fillers are available.

Learn more details about the Children's Museum's reopening and reserve your timed tickets at www.pittsburghkids.org.

If you have any questions about your visit, please call us at 412.322.5058, x202, or email hi@pittsburghkids.org.

[Click here](#) for the latest COVID-19 guidelines.

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ABOUT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PITTSBURGH

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is a place that provides innovative and inclusive museum experiences that inspire kindness, joy, creativity and curiosity for all learners. We forge connections with artists, community partners and neighbors to work on behalf of children, youth and families. With 80,000 square feet of space the Children's Museum welcomes more than 307,000 visitors annually and provides tons of fun and loads of "real stuff" experiences for play and learning. Permanent hands-on, interactive exhibit areas at the Museum include The Studio, Theater, Waterplay, The Kindness Gallery, Backyard and MAKESHOP®. The Museum's award-winning, three-story, center building is screened by a shimmering wind Sculpture and connects two historic structures (Allegheny Post Office Building & the Buhl Building).

ABOUT MUSEUMLAB™

MuseumLab is a new museum located adjacent to the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, offering growing kids cutting-edge experiences in art, tech and making. With three exhibit spaces, program and rental space, a host of commissioned artwork and unique camps, workshops and afterschool activities, and multiple partners, MuseumLab sits at the crossroads of interactive museum, learning lab and one of the coolest designed spaces in Pittsburgh. With the opening of MuseumLab on April 27, 2019, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh transformed a North Side landmark into an integral component of what is now the nation's the

largest cultural campus for children. In 2020, MuseumLab was honored to receive the Civic and Cultural Interior Design Award from Dezeen, an award we are so grateful to share with all of the partners, collaborators, and supporters of the project (<https://www.dezeen.com/awards/2020/winners/museumlab/>)

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