

## The Discovery Announces Temporary Closure

*To help limit the spread of COVID-19, the museum will be closed starting Tuesday, March 17 through Monday, March 30*

**RENO, Nev. (March 16, 2020)** – In a proactive step to support community efforts to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery) has announced it will temporarily close to the public starting Tuesday, March 17.

“Over the past several weeks we have continuously asked ourselves how we can best serve our community while keeping visitors, staff and volunteers healthy and safe,” said Mat Sinclair President/CEO of The Discovery. “And while it was a difficult decision, we believe that temporarily closing the museum is the right thing to do at this time.”

The museum is tentatively set to reopen on Tuesday, March 31 unless the situation warrants a further closure.

While The Discovery is closed to the public, administrative and visitor services staff will still be accessible by email and phone. Staff will be reaching out directly to individuals who have signed up for camps, birthday parties, field trips or facility rentals during the time of the temporary closure.

As a result of the closure, the following changes the museum's program will be in effect:

- [Camp Discovery](#) during Washoe County School District's spring break (March 16-27) is canceled
- [Science Distilled: Sustainability, hop on board](#) scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 is continuing as planned
- [Social Science: Happy Accidents](#) planned for Saturday, April 25 will be rescheduled
- [Camp Discovery](#) summer session, June 8 through August 7 is continuing as planned

“Science literacy is critical in times like these, and our commitment to inspire by being the place to experience science has not wavered,” said Sinclair. “This is, without a doubt, a challenging time for our community. If you're able, please consider making a donation to help us sustain the financial health of the organization while visitation is impacted.”

For updates and more information on The Discovery, visit [nvdm.org](http://nvdm.org).

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### About The Discovery

The Discovery creates interest and engagement in science for all. Through unique, hands-on programs and exhibits, The Discovery creates learning experiences that range from simple curiosity to deep understanding, empowering a community of critical thinkers. The Discovery is a locally founded nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. To learn more about The Discovery and how you can help support the museum's mission, visit [www.nvdm.org](http://www.nvdm.org).