

Slow the Spread **TELUS World of Science – Edmonton** **Thursday, November 26, 2020**

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TELUS World of Science - Edmonton will close its facility to the public for three weeks starting on Saturday, November 28.

“We follow the science. The science makes it clear that one of the best ways to limit COVID 19 exposure and outbreaks is to limit social gatherings,” said Alan Nursall, President and CEO of TELUS World of Science – Edmonton. “Public health and safety are always our top priorities and we are doing what we can to help slow the spread of COVID-19. We fully support the front-line workers and all the efforts the provincial government has already put into place. After careful consideration of what else we can do to help, we decided that the best way was to temporarily close our on-site offerings.

The science centre will still be open online for the community in a variety of ways:

- Galaxy Gift Shop online sales at galaxygiftshop.ca
- Online Camp Programs
- Virtual Birthday & Holiday Parties
- DIY Science
- Virtual Education programs for schools and at home learning

Visit twose.ca for all our virtual offerings.

TELUS World of Science originally was the first science centre in Canada to close its building during the beginning of the pandemic on March 13, 2020 and reopened on a limited basis starting July 4, 2020. Since reopening the facility there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 occurring within the science centre due to the strict cleaning, distancing and masking protocols in place. AHS has also toured the facility and confirmed TELUS World of Science’s excellent guidelines and protocols.

The staff team will continue to deliver great science content on-line. The team is also working on design and fabrication of two new science galleries as well as supervising the sizeable expansion currently under construction. The new galleries and expansion are slated for completion in May 2022.

“As a charitable organization and as a facility that is undergoing major growth to meet the future needs of our community, this was a difficult decision but a necessary one. We may be temporarily closed to in-person visits, but the centre continues to keep people employed, serve the community, and celebrate science through online programs and experiences. This is our way of saying we support all the efforts being made by individuals, businesses and governments to keep our community safe,” said Nursall

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About TELUS World of Science - Edmonton

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton’s mission is to: Ignite curiosity. Inspire discovery. Celebrate science. Change lives. We are the destination to engage Albertans’ hearts and minds in science. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates TELUS World of Science – Edmonton.