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The Works Museum Announces Temporary Closure due to COVID-19

Bloomington, MN - The Works Museum temporarily closed its doors to the public on Sunday, March 15 in response to COVID-19 and in alignment with guidance from Governor Walz and the Minnesota Department of Health. All programs and events are canceled or postponed until the museum can reopen its doors to the public. As a result of the closure, the Museum has temporarily laid off 70% of its employees.

“I am devastated that we had to take these actions,” said The Works Museum CEO Jill Measells, “but with the revenue losses we’ll experience during this closure period, coming during our busiest time of year, we had no other choice. My goal in taking this decisive action is to maintain financial viability so that we’re able to reopen once it is safe to do so. This decision was made in the interest of each child, each family, and each educator we serve. Now, more than ever, our mission to inspire the next generation of innovators, engineers, and creative problem solvers is absolutely critical. Today’s best minds and critical thinkers are diligently working on addressing our global crisis. Our work ensures that tomorrow’s best minds are inspired by the possibilities of STEM and the many ways engineers and scientists make our world a better and safer place.”

A limited number of essential staff are working to provide online resources, support to the public and the education community, and to prepare to quickly resume programming once The Works Museum reopens. Visit theworks.org for more information about activities and ways to support the organization.