

## **Thinkery cancels General Admission sessions through January 21**

**Media alert: Due to COVID-related staff shortages, the museum will be closed to the public temporarily. Thinkery plans to reopen fully on Saturday, January 22.**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Thinkery is sorry to report that it will be cancelling all General Admission sessions beginning tomorrow (January 12) through Friday, January 21.

A number of our museum experience team members have reported breakthrough cases of COVID-19 or close contact exposure to people who've tested positive. Fortunately, everyone's symptoms so far have been mild and the affected staffers are recovering at home. However, this means Thinkery does not have the necessary staff available to open and operate the museum for General Admission at this time.

Our goal is to reopen fully on Saturday, January 22.

We appreciate our community's understanding and apologize for any inconvenience this unexpected closure may cause. If you have purchased General Admission tickets online, Thinkery's reservations team will email you directly about rebooking your visit.

Little Thinkers Preschool will continue its normal operations and class schedule. Thinkery will also accommodate any field trips previously scheduled between now and January 21 to avoid creating significant disruptions for our local school partners. Please note that these plans are subject to change should any additional staffers require exclusion based on a positive COVID test result.

Our team looks forward to reopening on Saturday, January 22; in the meantime, Thinkery will post any additional updates on its website and social media pages.

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### **About Thinkery**

Thinkery is Austin's home for "why" and "how." Our mission is to create innovative learning experiences that equip and inspire the next generation of creative problem solvers. Thinkery offers 40,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor exhibits for children and families to learn through play. It's a place where science and families play side by side and people connect with ideas by doing, making and experiencing.