

Media Alert

What: Thinkery's "Path To Play" Will Close Through At Least Jan. 6 as Austin Re-Enters Stage 5

When: December 26 through (at least) January 6, 2021

Where: Thinkery at the Meredith Learning Lab (1830 Simond Ave. Austin, TX 78723)

Austin, TX – December 23, 2020 – With the recent [announcement](#) that Austin-Travis County has reentered Stage 5 due to ongoing community spread of the COVID-19 virus, Thinkery has announced it will be [closing the museum for Path To Play](#) and cancelling all sessions from December 26 through at least January 6, 2021.

"We are extremely disappointed, but we also recognize this is a key step in protecting the health of our Thinkery guests, staff, and the broader community," said Thinkery CEO Andy Bell. "The arrival of the coronavirus vaccine here in Austin is very welcome news, but until it is widely available we have to continue taking steps to reduce community spread."

According to the [Risk-Based Guidelines](#) published by Austin Public Health (APH), **Stage 5** means that Austin residents are asked to avoid all gatherings outside the home, non-essential travel, and non-essential business and dining.

The Stage 5 guidelines **do** allow for businesses to continue offering contactless options such as curbside delivery. [Thinkery Shop](#) will continue to offer curbside pickup for online orders. Please consider supporting Thinkery during our closure by shopping at the online store.

Thinkery will continue to monitor news and guidance from [city](#), [state](#) and [federal health authorities](#) and will communicate any additional changes to Thinkery operations that may result.

The public is encouraged to stay up-to-date via Thinkery's website (thinkeryaustin.org) and the museum's social media accounts.

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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.

Thinkery is a 501(c)(3), private nonprofit organization; last year we served more than 460,000 children and their grown-ups