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## **Imagination Station to Continue Virtual and Community-Based Operations**

*Science center and new KeyBank Discovery Theater will open in September*

TOLEDO, Ohio – Imagination Station will continue to provide STEM education virtually and throughout the community, instead of within its building this summer, due to the final stages of its large-scale construction project and the COVID-19 pandemic. The science center will reopen its doors to the public in September, along with the new KeyBank Discovery Theater.

Imagination Station is focused on providing the best overall guest experience, including ease of access, enhanced safety protocols and the ability to deliver on its mission of providing STEM education to the community.

During the summer, Imagination Station will provide fun, engaging science education to the community in numerous ways. Summer Camps that were already scheduled will continue with social distancing precautions. Virtual learning opportunities will also continue with Imagination Station's "Stay At Home Science" accessible through [its website](#) and regular social media livestreams. Additionally, Imagination Station will offer programming activities all summer long throughout the Toledo area. More information will be shared soon, so stay tuned to the Imagination Station website and social media channels.

"While Governor DeWine announced that museums may reopen on June 10, our conversation has been around how we can best provide a positive experience for our guests," said Lori Hauser, executive director of Imagination Station. "We considered that our facility is an active construction site, combined with the impacts of COVID-19. This led us to the conclusion that it's in the best interest of our guests to provide STEM education all throughout the community and virtually this summer, until our facility can be safely accessible in September."

Currently, access to the building is restricted due to ongoing construction of the KeyBank Discovery Theater at the facility entrance, as well as necessary social distancing and increased safety protocols to limit the spread of COVID-19. Imagination Station is working with the Lucas County Health Department and infectious disease specialists from ProMedica to ensure all appropriate cleaning and safety measures are in place prior to the science center's reopening in September.

For more information, please visit [imaginationstationtoledo.org](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org).

Imagination Station, Toledo's Science Center, is a vital nonprofit organization that is an integral part of Toledo's economic, educational and social landscape. With hundreds of hands-on exhibits and demonstrations, Imagination Station delivers a multisensory experience that's as fun as it is educational. Imagination Station provides a critical layer of science enrichment by serving as an educational partner for teachers, schools and parents. It's with a thoughtful blend of exhibits, experiences, education and excitement that Imagination Station inspires visitors to pursue STEM careers in Northwest Ohio.

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