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**STATEMENT ON CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS AT  
WHITAKER CENTER FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO TED BLACK**

*Health and well-being of visitors, volunteers, staff, performers are paramount*

**Harrisburg, Pa. (March 11, 2020)** — President and CEO Ted Black issued the following statement today regarding precautions underway at [Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts](#) to further protect the health and well-being of all who enter and enjoy the Center during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

“We are committed to protecting the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, visitors, families, and guest performers which is paramount to us. Whitaker Center continues to closely monitor the Coronavirus and is following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and updates from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. We will follow the direction of state and federal health officials and government leaders, and respond appropriately to the evolving situation and directives in Pennsylvania.

“Currently, Whitaker Center is open and all programs, events and performances are proceeding. We have expanded our cleaning protocols throughout the entire facility by using CDC-approved, hospital-grade disinfectants. In addition, we have increased the cleaning and wipe downs of all exhibits, handrails, benches, door handles, toys, and other surfaces contacted by the public; deployed additional hand-sanitizing stations; and accelerated the frequency of restroom cleaning. As public health officials have noted, we remind visitors to please stay home if you are sick, and to continue frequently washing your hands.

“We will immediately update everyone should circumstances change with our operation. We look forward to seeing all of our guests and will continue to keep our public spaces and your health and well-being our top priority.”

**ABOUT WHITAKER CENTER:**

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts, located in the heart of Harrisburg’s vibrant downtown, is a non-profit center for the arts, education, entertainment and cultural enrichment. Whitaker Center is home to the Sunoco Performance Theater, Harsco Science Center and Select Medical Digital Cinema featuring a four-story, premium, large format theater and state-of-the-art 4K laser projection system showcasing contemporary documentaries and select Hollywood films. Presenting endless musical concerts and theatrical live performances, Whitaker Center also offers exciting and interactive STEM programs, summer camps, science exploration, engaging exhibits, fun play areas, and free community events. Visit [WhitakerCenter.org](#) for a full schedule of events, cinema screenings, live shows, hours of operation, and ticket information.

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