Please Touch Museum is Closed March 14 through March 30

Our top priority is the wellness of the community we serve – our dedicated staff, treasured members, and visitors from near and far who come together at Please Touch Museum to discover the power of learning through play. Since this dynamic public health situation began two weeks ago, the Museum has remained compliant with all guidelines regarding public gatherings and has followed all protocols as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control.

We take our mission and our role as a community resource for the City of Philadelphia seriously. When we learned yesterday afternoon that the City was closing all Philadelphia public schools due to staffing issues – and the immediate need of supporting families impacted by the decision arose – we offered the Museum as a resource to the City as its teams developed a plan to serve the children most affected by the two-week closure of our schools.

City officials, including the Mayor, appreciated our offer to remain open to support affected families, but currently our Museum is not needed as a community resource. **Knowing this, we have decided to close Please Touch Museum to the public and cancel all scheduled events starting today, March 14 through March 30.** Should the City require our support for children and families at any time, we will work in partnership with City officials to accommodate emerging needs.

We are in the process of contacting all those impacted by this closure and we ask for patience as we conduct this important outreach.

These are challenging times for our City and our nation. Please stay well, stay safe, follow guidance and protocols from the CDC and most importantly – support one another as we navigate this unprecedented time together.

Yours in play and in health,

**Patricia D. Wellenbach**
President and CEO
Please Touch Museum