



Science World to Reopen on August 1, Kicking Off With Free Admission For Essential Workers from July 23 to 26

The non-profit institution has been closed since March 14 and looks forward to safely welcoming visitors back starting August 1

Photos available [here](#)

Vancouver BC, July 21, 2020--Science World is thrilled to welcome back visitors on Saturday, August 1 with enhanced safety protocols and physical distancing measures in place. As a way to say thank you for all their hard work, essential workers and their families will be able to attend the dome **for free** from July 23 to 26. Ticketing will be done through timed ticketed entry at scienceworld.ca, space is limited due to operating at a reduced capacity.

Recently, the non-profit shared its [fundraising campaign](#), *The World Needs More Nerds*, calling on the public to support the dome through these tough times. Imagery features a 7-year old Dr. Bonnie Henry. Astronaut Chris Hadfield has also agreed to be featured in the campaign, amongst other notable "nerds". When the dome closed its doors, it immediately lost 85% of its revenue streams. In order to ensure the next generation of nerds--someone who loves what they love, no matter what--the dome is asking for support from its followers in the form of a donation or by starting a personal fundraising page to ensure a future of critical science thinkers.

"We look forward to welcoming our community back to the iconic dome," said Janet Wood, President and CEO. "We've missed the energy and excitement around Science World and while we've seen a huge uptick in our online activity and programming, we can't wait to welcome the public back in a safe and engaging manner. COVID-19 has brought to light the importance of science literacy to public health and we look forward to nurturing the next generation of scientists, mathematicians, epidemiologists and more."

Enhanced safety protocols include

- Visitors will be able to book their advanced, timed entry tickets at scienceworld.ca
- Physical distancing protocols are in place to ensure all visitors stay at least 2 metres apart, with timed entry at a reduced capacity to allow for this
- Mandatory masks or face shields for visitors 6 years of age and over and all staff will wear masks or face shields
- Hand sanitizer is available at entry and exit and throughout the building
- Visitors are asked to leave their food at home (but bring their water bottles!). No food options will be available for purchase onsite
- Enhanced cleaning protocols set out by the CDC will also be in place throughout the facility
- Directional signage will safely guide visitors through the dome



- Certain galleries will operate with limited capacity. The Wonder Gallery and Birdly® VR are closed. The OMNIMAX® Theatre and Towers of Tomorrow with LEGO® Bricks can be reserved for a specific time, when guests purchase their tickets online
- Additionally, there will be three live science shows per hour around the building for all visitors to enjoy

Essential workers can book their free, advanced entry starting today at scienceworld.ca--space is limited.

Starting July 27, the general public can book their timed visits for August 1 and beyond at scienceworld.ca.

About Science World

Science World is a BC-based charitable organization that engages the people of British Columbia in STEAM literacy. Their mission is to ignite wonder and empower dreams through science and nature. Their vision is that within a generation, Canada will be a country of thriving, sustainable communities rooted in science, innovation and a deep connection to nature.

Media

Larissa Dundon

604.649.5506

larissa@larissadundon.com