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**INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER TO REMAIN OPEN
DURING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

PHILADELPHIA, PA (December 22, 2018) – Independence Visitor Center, the official visitor center of Greater Philadelphia located at 599 Market Street, **will remain open** for normal business operations during a federal government shutdown.

Although the building is federal property, the Independence Visitor Center has the opportunity to remain open for visitors because its operations are managed by the **Independence Visitor Center Corporation (IVCC)**, a Pennsylvania nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization.

National Park Service buildings, including the Liberty Bell Center and Independence Hall, will not be open as long as there is a lapse in federal funding. Also, there will be no National Park Service staff in the Independence Visitor Center.

The IVCC also manages additional entities that are not impacted by a federal government shutdown, including the [City Hall Visitor Center](#), located in Room 121 in the East Portal of Philadelphia City Hall; and the visitor-friendly public transit service, [Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop](#).

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About the Independence Visitor Center Corporation (IVCC):

The Independence Visitor Center Corporation (IVCC) is a Pennsylvania nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization, which operates in cooperation with the National Park Service, Visit Philadelphia, Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, the City of Philadelphia, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The IVCC manages the **Independence Visitor Center**, the official visitor center for Greater Philadelphia and the primary point of orientation for Independence National Historical Park; and satellite visitor center locations, **City Hall Visitor Center**, **Fairmount Park Welcome Center in LOVE Park** (temporarily closed for renovations), and **Sister Cities Park Visitor Center** (open seasonally). The IVCC also manages the visitor-friendly public transit service, the **Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop**. PHLvisitorcenter.com

About the Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop:

The Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop is a visitor-friendly public transit service managed by the Independence Visitor Center Corporation (IVCC). PHLASH vehicle service is provided by Krapp's Coaches. RidePhillyPHLASH.com