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**INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER CORPORATION
TO BEGIN RESUMING OPERATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 1**

PHILADELPHIA, PA (August 31, 2020) – After an extended closure due to COVID-19, **Independence Visitor Center Corporation (IVCC)** will begin resuming operations by re-opening **Independence Visitor Center**, the official visitor center of greater Philadelphia, on **September 1, 2020**.

The safety of IVCC employees, guests, and visitors is the Corporation's top priority. In that regard, the IVCC has instituted new policies and operational procedures to maintain a safe, sanitized, and secure space for visitors based on recommended guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Effective September 1, the **Independence Visitor Center** will **open to the public daily, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.** Amenities located inside the Visitor Center, including **Independence Gift Shop**, the largest retail shop featuring Philadelphia-themed merchandise and locally made souvenirs, will also **open daily**.

Visitors are asked to wear a face mask for entry into the Visitor Center in accordance with orders from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia.

All are invited to enjoy the final weeks of summer in Historic Philadelphia at attractions and museums open near the Visitor Center, including **Franklin Square**, the **Betsy Ross House**, and the **National Constitution Center**. Visitors can also explore the outdoors and historic streets of America's Most Historic Square Mile on **Franklin's Footsteps Walking Tours**, which depart daily from the Visitor Center.

Some services and locations managed by the IVCC remain closed, including **City Hall Visitor Center**, **Love Park Visitor Center**, and **Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop**. To sign up to receive updates regarding the re-opening status of these locations, visit [PHLvisitorcenter.com/COVID19](https://phlvisitorcenter.com/COVID19).

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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 of the Philadelphia region and primary point of orientation for Independence National Historical Park; satellite visitor center locations; and the visitor-friendly public transit service, Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop. [PHLvisitorcenter.com](https://phlvisitorcenter.com)