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**Independence Visitor Center Corporation Announces Temporary Closure
In Support of City Efforts to Curb Community Spread of COVID-19**

The official visitor center of Philadelphia is closed through Jan. 1, 2021. [PHLvisitorcenter.com/COVID19](https://phlvisitorcenter.com/COVID19)

PHILADELPHIA, PA (November 22, 2020) – In accordance with new “Safer at Home” restrictions issued by the City of Philadelphia as part of a broad-based effort to curb community spread of COVID-19, all **Independence National Historical Park** indoor sites, including **Independence Hall**, the **Liberty Bell Center**, and the **Independence Visitor Center** are temporarily **closed through January 1, 2021**.

During the closure, the Independence Visitor Center Corporation (IVCC) will continue to offer visitor information services and respond to visitor inquiries through its **toll-free phone service**, available seven days per week, from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. at (800) 537-7676.

The IVCC will also continue to engage with visitors online by providing digital content and virtual access to Philadelphia’s **attractions, museums, and historic sites** for visitors to enjoy while planning for an in-person visit in the future. [PHLvisitorcenter.com/VisitFromHome](https://phlvisitorcenter.com/VisitFromHome)

Amenities located inside the Independence Visitor Center are also closed but offer online services. Shop and support the IVCC by purchasing Philadelphia-themed souvenirs and locally-made products at the **Independence Gift Shop’s online store**: giftshop.phlvisitorcenter.com. Start planning your 2021 special event or wedding by contacting [The Liberty View Meeting and Event Space](#).

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the IVCC has been fully dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of employees, guests, and visitors as its top priority. These efforts are recognized by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC), and the **Independence Visitor Center is the only visitor center in the world** to achieve **(GBAC) STAR™ accreditation** for implementing the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention. The IVCC looks forward to **safely reopening** in the new year.

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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)