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Independence Visitor Center to Re-Open on January 4, 2021

The official visitor center of Philadelphia resumes operations with COVID-19 safety measures in place.

PHILADELPHIA, PA (January 3, 2021) – After a temporary closure in accordance with City and State guidelines to curb community spread of COVID-19, **Independence Visitor Center Corporation (IVCC)** will **resume daily operations** at the **Independence Visitor Center** on **January 4, 2021**, with health and safety guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in place.

Other indoor sites located in **Independence National Historical Park** will also re-open on January 4 following safety guidelines, including **Independence Hall**, the **Liberty Bell Center**, **Old City Hall**, and **Congress Hall**.

Effective January 4, 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 be 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.

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. In September 2020, the **Independence Visitor Center** achieved **Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC) STAR™ accreditation** for implementing the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention, making it the only visitor center to receive this international accreditation.

Some services and locations managed by the IVCC remain closed, including **City Hall Visitor Center** and the **Love Park Visitor Center**. 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)