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Moody Gardens Attractions to Open May 23

Comprehensive protocols in place to address COVID-19 and CDC guidelines

GALVESTON, Texas (May 18, 2020) —Moody Gardens attractions will open Saturday, May 23 inviting guests to return to their Happy Place following a closure for 10 weeks in compliance with governmental orders to address the COVID-19 pandemic. The order was lifted on May 18 as a part of the second phase of Governor Abbott’s plan to open businesses in Texas.

Capacity restrictions will be well within compliance of the Phase 2 governmental orders as most of the attractions open back up to the public. Visitors can enjoy the Aquarium Pyramid, Rainforest Pyramid, MG3D Theater, 4D Special FX Theater, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea: An Interactive Adventure*, Colonel Paddlewheel Boat, and the new Dinos Alive exhibit. Palm Beach is currently closed for now as waterparks remain under review with the governmental order. The Discovery Museum, Ropes Course and Zip Line will remain closed as Moody Gardens’ management deemed these exhibits to be more interactive and potential high-touch zones.

“This experience has impacted absolutely everyone,” said Moody Gardens President and CEO John Zendt, who added that the timing for families to venture out for activities will be a personal choice based on individual circumstances. “We are delighted to welcome our guests back as we open our doors again. We are also very grateful for all of the sacrifices that everyone has made by staying home, social distancing and other practices to help in this COVID-19 recovery now and moving forward.”

During the weeks that Moody Gardens was closed, biologists and other key essential staff continued to report to work to ensure the animals and grounds were cared for. This time was also used to develop a comprehensive Health and Safety Program with extensive sanitization protocols and training in place for the well-being of all staff and guests. The *Pyramid Promise* also offers guests an experience that is *clean, safe and fun*.

Visitors who are looking deals can explore a Moody Gardens Annual Membership. This option pays for itself in two visits and allows guests to apply their ticket purchase toward that membership to enjoy the Moody Gardens attractions year-round, including the holiday season. It also offers discounts at the hotel, restaurants and gift shops. Guests are encouraged to purchase their tickets online. This approach minimizes personal contact through cash handling and ticket disbursement at cashier windows.

In addition to the attractions opening, the Moody Gardens Hotel is scheduled to open Friday, May 22. The Moody Gardens Golf Course reopened earlier this month on May 4. For more information including hours, ticket options, membership information, hotel and golf options, please visit www.moodygardens.org or call 409-744-4673.

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