Updates regarding the Chicago Architecture Center’s commitment to preventing the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus)

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CHICAGO – The Chicago Architecture Center (CAC) remains deeply committed to providing a safe experience for its entire community of members, staff, visitors, volunteers and tour attendees. As of Monday, March 23, 2020, the Center remains temporarily closed with most CAC activities suspended and staff members working remotely.

The following are updates to programming adjustments previously announced on Friday, March 13. This information is subject to change due to the evolving nature of responses to COVID-19 (coronavirus). Updates are published on an ongoing basis at architecture.org.

The Chicago Architecture Center, located at 111 East Wacker Drive in Chicago, including all exhibit galleries, the ArcelorMittal Design Studio, Gand Lecture Hall and the CAC Design Store, remains temporarily closed to visitors as of 5pm on Friday, March 13. The Center will reopen May 1 at the earliest, unless otherwise announced.

Chicago Architecture Foundation Center River Cruises aboard Chicago’s First Lady (CFL) are paused for the month of April, to resume May 1 at the earliest, unless otherwise announced. The CAC and CFL continue to follow the recommendations of public health officials and are monitoring this continually evolving situation. Those with questions regarding existing river cruise reservations are asked to email tickets@architecture.org and to allow 72 hours for a response, due to the high volume of inquiries.
All previously scheduled **walking tours**, including building tours, are suspended through Thursday, April 30, to resume May 1 at the earliest, unless otherwise announced. Those with questions regarding walking and building tours are invited to email tickets@architecture.org.

All previously scheduled **bus tours** are suspended through May 14, to resume May 15 at the earliest, unless otherwise announced. The CAC intends to reschedule one-time-only and other bus tours affected, such as Berwyn and Synagogues by Bus: North Shore, for later dates.

All **public programs** are suspended through May 19 at the earliest. Cancelled programs include parts one and two of the CAC’s three-part 2020 Vincent Scully Masterclass Series; Architect Talks with Louis Becker of Henning Larsen and Ole Scheeren of Büro Ole Scheeren; Daytime Talk: Energy Revolution with Doug Farr; and An Affordable Future for Chicago Housing. Affected programs will be rescheduled to the extent possible. Updates will follow regarding any such programs and their new dates, in addition to new online public programs with options for remote access.

All ticketed, reserved and drop-in **CAC programs for children, students and families**, both on-site at the Center and at partner locations, remain suspended until further notice. These include Family Days in March, April and May; Teen Saturday Studios and LEGO® Build events in March and April; and the Newhouse Competition Workshop: Fine Arts and Graphic Design on March 21. While the CAC intends to reschedule as many of these programs as possible, families will need to re-register for any revised dates. Updates will follow regarding new online family programs with options for remote access.

Girls Build! Affordable Dream Homes camp will not be held April 6–9 and will not be rescheduled. School field trips for students affected will also not be rescheduled. Drop-in family programs at the CAC will resume on a future date to be announced. Those with questions regarding existing registrations are invited to contact CAC Vice President of Education and Audience Engagement Nicole Kowrach via email at nkowrach@architecture.org.

Originally scheduled for Thursday, April 23, **Gala 2020: Open Doors, Open Minds** will be rescheduled for a date to be determined. Those with questions regarding Gala 2020 are invited to contact CAC Events Manager Brittany Barnes via email at bbarnes@architecture.org.

**About the Chicago Architecture Center**
The Chicago Architecture Center (CAC) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1966, dedicated to inspiring people to discover why design matters. A national leader in architecture and design education, the CAC offers field-leading tours, programs, exhibitions and more that are part of a dynamic journey of lifelong learning. Opened to the public in 2018, its riverfront location is in the heart of the city, where Michigan Avenue meets the Chicago River, featuring nearly 10,000 square feet of exhibition space with views of iconic skyscrapers built over the
course of a century. Through partnerships with schools and youth-serving organizations, the CAC reaches approximately 30,000 K–12 students annually, while teacher workshops provide educators with tools and resources they need to advance STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) curricula in their classrooms. Committed to increasing access for populations historically under-represented in ACED (architecture, construction, engineering, and design) professions, the CAC offers many of its education programs—and all of its programs for teens—at no cost to participants. CAC programs for adults and members include talks with acclaimed authors and practicing architects, in-depth presentations on issues and trends in urbanism, and classes unlocking a wide range of subjects with connections to the built environment. Proceeds from programs, tours and the CAC Design Store, as well as from grants, sponsorships and donations, support its educational mission. Visit architecture.org to learn more and follow @chiarchitecture and #chiarchitecture on social media.