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FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY LAUNCHES VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES

Columbus, OH— Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' vision is a world that celebrates nature as essential to the human experience. This vision is as important now as ever. The Conservatory is striving to continue the spirit of staying connected to nature -- digitally.

The Conservatory recently launched a collection of virtual experiences to continue to realize our vision despite our closure. Virtual experiences are opportunities to enjoy many of the aspects of the Conservatory that traditionally require admission, for free and from home. Included are the biomes, exhibitions, and classes as well as additional expertise related to gardening and plant care.

The virtual experiences can be found on the Conservatory website and many are shared on our social media channels (@fpconservatory). New experiences are added frequently and website visitors are provided with the opportunity to submit their ideas.

Additionally, while the visitor experience- including the biomes, Grand Mallway, and Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden- is closed, the public outdoor gardens of Franklin Park remain open for visitors to enjoy from dawn to dusk. Tulips, daffodils and other spring blooms can be found throughout the park and expected to last the next few weeks.

If visiting Franklin Park, please remember to follow proper hygiene guidelines, including keeping a 6-foot distance from other visitors.

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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers world-class horticulture, art and nature-based exhibitions, and educational programs for all ages. Situated on 40 acres on the eastern side of Franklin Park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House; 83,000 square feet of glasshouses; botanical gardens including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden; and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns the largest collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly in a botanical garden and is home to internationally recognized light artist James Turrell's Light Raiment II, which illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.