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Letters to the Editor - *The Canberra Times*

In response to the recent Letter to the Editor about the temporary closure of MoAD's popular children's exhibition *PlayUP*:

At the Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD), Old Parliament House, the health and wellbeing of our visitors, volunteers and staff is always our top priority. At this challenging time, the museum is being vigilant in adhering to COVID-19 regulations and guidelines provided by ACT Health.

MoAD have paused all tours and facilitated programs during this heightened period of community health concerns. It is a decision that we haven't taken lightly. Our staff miss the opportunity for deep engagement and connection with our visitors and look forward to tours and programs recommencing again in the future.

We want to assure you that MoAD remains open and welcoming to our mask-wearing visitors. There is still plenty to see and explore in our iconic exhibitions and heritage spaces. MoAD's friendly team are here to make sure your experience at the museum is safe and memorable.

COVID-safe, self-directed family activities are available for our visitors to explore the museum. We also have an excellent collection of [On Air PlayUP](#) episodes on our website for those missing our *PlayUP* exhibition.

The COVID-19 situation is evolving, and we will continue to follow ACT Health's advice and reassess the situation to determine when our tours and facilitated experiences can return. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we work together to keep our visitors, staff and the community safe.

Yours sincerely,

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