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## Explora's Noon Year's Eve is Back for an In-Person Celebration Ring in 2022 early with a family friendly, safe, and fun celebration.

**Albuquerque, NM** - Ring in the new year 12 hours early at Explora, with our *Noon Year's Eve* family celebration! Doors open at 10:00am and the fun will run through 2:00pm on Friday, December 31, 2021 at Explora Science Center. This year's event will feature two indoor balloon drops at noon with 2,022 balloons, a special guest helping us countdown to the new year, music, raffle prizes, and classic Explora fun! It's perfect for everyone with little ones who won't be up at midnight.

Explora's exhibits are open for exploration, too, including the return of fan favorite exhibit the *Shapes of Sound*, an interactive experience investigating the science of sound. This collection, like most Explora exhibits, was developed and built on site by Explora staff, so each piece is unique. On your visit, allow extra time to explore the good vibrations of this collection on Explora's second floor. All the fun is included with regular Explora general admission, which ranges from \$6-\$10 per person. Ticket sales on December 31, 2021 will be capped at 800 people for the safety of our staff and visitors. There are a limited number of tickets for Noon Year's Eve and visitors should plan to purchase in advance. Tickets will be available for purchase 10 days prior to the event starting on December, 21, 2021 at this link. Visitors aged two and older are also required to wear a face mask at all times while visiting the museum.

Looking for more fun for the kids until they go back to school? Explora's Winter *School's Out Camps* are now open for registration! Camps are offered from December, 20, 2021 through January, 3, 2022. Advance registration and fee required. You can register or find out more on our website.

Explora will close at 2:00pm on December 24 and 31. We are closed on December 25 and January 1, and we will reopen January, 2, 2022. All inquiries should be directed to Veronica Casados, Communications Manager, at 505-600-6072.

About Explora: Explora is a science center and children's museum in Albuquerque, with a mission of creating opportunities for inspirational discovery and the joy of lifelong learning through interactive experiences in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). Explora serves thousands of people of all backgrounds each year and is dedicated to improving New Mexico's educational and economic outcomes. For information, visit <a href="https://www.explora.us">www.explora.us</a> or contact <a href="https://www.explora.us">explora@explora.us</a>.