

# SCIENCE HALL HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

## How are COVID-19 concerns being addressed during in-person programming?

Arizona Science Center is closely following all recommendations by the CDC and Arizona Health Department:

- Student and Team Members groupings are kept as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same Team Members. Mixing between groups is restricted.
- Seating is spaced at least six feet apart. Larger classrooms are being utilized to maintain social distance as much as possible inside the classroom.
- We have ordered adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (art supplies, equipment etc. assigned to a single camper).

## Safety Actions

Arizona Science Center will promote healthy hygiene practices by:

- Teaching and reinforcing washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes among children and Team Members.
- Teaching and reinforcing use of cloth face coverings among all Team Members. Face coverings are most essential in times when physical distancing is not possible.
  - Masks will be made available to children and instructors if they do not have their own.
- Making available adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol (for Team Members and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer), tissues, and no-touch trash cans.
- Posting signs on how to stop the spread of COVID-19, properly wash hands, promote everyday protective measures, and properly wear a face covering.

## How frequent is cleaning being done during in-person programming?

Arizona Science Center Team Members and instructors have increased cleaning procedures by:

- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces (for example, door handles, sink handles) by ASC Team Members.
- Cleaning and disinfecting shared objects (for example, toys, games, art supplies) between uses by instructors.

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- Ensuring safe and correct application of disinfectants and keeping products away from children.
- Ensuring ventilation systems operate properly and increasing circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors, using fans, or other methods.

## How is social distancing being addressed?

Science Hall will adhere to enhanced social distancing guidelines by:

- Ensuring that student and Team Members groupings are as static as possible by having the same small group of children stay with the same Team Members all day.
- Restricting mixing between groups.
- Limiting gatherings and extracurricular activities to those that can maintain social distancing and support proper hand hygiene (such as visits to the main building of Arizona Science Center).
- Restricting nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving other groups at the same time.
- Spacing seating/desks to at least six feet apart.
- Using classrooms for meals and snacks instead of the group lunchroom.
- Staggering arrival and drop-off times to limit direct contact with parents as much as possible. Parents will be given a 30-minute window to drop-off between 7:15-7:45am and a corresponding window to pick-up from 3:45-4:15pm. (Ideally, the same parent or designated person should drop off and pick up the child every day.)
- Science Hall will be using a contactless check-in and check-out.

## How is sharing being limited?

Science Hall will limit sharing by:

- Keeping each child's belongings separated from others' and in individual areas.
- Ensuring adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (art supplies, equipment etc. assigned to a single camper) and/or limiting the use of supplies and equipment by one group of children at a time and cleaning and disinfecting between use.
- Avoiding the sharing of foods and utensils.

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## Team Members Training

All teachers and Team Members will be trained in the above safety actions.

## Will there be health screenings at Science Hall?

At this time, the CDC recommends screenings at check-in. This includes:

- Taking every child's temperature upon arrival.
- Asking the parent/guardian to confirm that the child has not had symptoms (fever of 100.4 °F or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, etc.) within the past two weeks.
- Asking questions about whether the children or family members have been in contact with any confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- The results of the initial health screening will determine if an individual is permitted to enter or if they require additional evaluation. Arizona Science Center reserves the right not to admit people who pose a communicable disease risk to others.
- Sick children and Team Members are **required** to stay home.

For Team Members, the CDC recommends:

- Self-screening for the presence of symptoms (fever of 100.4 °F or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, etc.) within the past two weeks.
- Determining if, within the past two weeks, the individual has traveled nationally or internationally.
- Determining if the individual has been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with, tested for, or quarantined as a result of COVID-19.
- The results of this initial health screening will determine if an individual is permitted to enter or if they require additional evaluation. Arizona Science Center reserves the right not to admit people who pose a communicable disease risk to others.
- Sick children and Team Members are **required** to stay home.

## How are you monitoring the health of students and Team Members?

Arizona Science Center is taking the following actions to encourage the health of students and Team Members:

- Children and Team Members who may become sick while at Science Hall will be sent home as soon as possible. **Please be prepared to pick up your child as soon as possible if they become sick.**
- Sick children will be kept separate from well children and Team Members until they can be sent home.

- Sick children and Team Members may not return until they have met the [CDC guidelines](#) for home isolation (see below).

## What if a student or Team Members member becomes sick?

Due to the fact that the COVID-19 outbreak has not yet been contained, the following plans are in place in case students come into contact with a potential case:

- Arizona Science Center Team Members will separate anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms, using [current guidelines from the CDC](#). The camper will be asked if they have any of the following symptoms:
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - This list is not all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Next, Team Members will check the temperature of the individual according to CDC processes using a contactless thermometer.
- If the student or Team Members member is suspected to have COVID-19 based on this assessment, the individual will be isolated by separating symptomatic individuals by at least 6 feet. The area for individuals with symptoms will be at least 6 feet away from other areas of the health center or in a separate room.
- Parents/guardians will be notified by phone to pick up their child immediately.
- We will notify local health officials, Team Members, and families immediately of a possible case while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Areas used by a sick person will be closed off, and kept closed before cleaning and disinfection. [CDC guidelines](#) will be followed to ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep disinfectant products away from children.
- Sick Team Members members will be advised not to return until they have met [CDC criteria](#) to discontinue home isolation. Follow current [guidance by the CDC](#):
  - If you have a fever, cough or other symptoms, you might have COVID-19. Most people have mild illness and are able to recover at home. If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, contact your healthcare

provider immediately. Keep track of your symptoms. If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), get medical attention right away.

- Stay home. Most people with COVID-19 have mild illness and can recover at home without medical care. Do not leave your home, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas. As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people and pets in your home. If possible, you should use a separate bathroom. If you need to be around other people or animals in or outside of the home, wear a cloth face covering.
- How to discontinue home isolation:
  - **People with COVID-19 who have stayed home (home isolated)** can leave home under the following conditions\*\*:
    - **If you have not had a test** to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened:
      - You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) AND
      - other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND
      - at least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared
    - **If you have had a test** to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened:
      - You no longer have a fever (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) AND
      - other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND
      - you received two negative tests in a row, at least 24 hours apart. Your doctor will follow [CDC guidelines](#).
  - **People who DID NOT have COVID-19 symptoms, but tested positive and have stayed home (home isolated)** can leave home under the following conditions\*\*:
    - **If you have not had a test** to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these two things have happened:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of your first positive test AND
- you continue to have no symptoms (no cough or shortness of breath) since the test.
- **If you have had a test** to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after:
  - You received two negative tests in a row, at least 24 hours apart. Your doctor will [follow CDC guidelines](#).
- Note: if you develop symptoms, follow guidance above for people with COVID-19 symptoms.
- **\*\*In all cases, follow the guidance of your doctor and local health department. The decision to stop home isolation should be made in consultation with your healthcare provider and state and local health departments. Some people, for example those with conditions that [weaken their immune system](#), might continue to shed virus even after they recover.**
- Those exposed to a person with COVID-19 will be advised to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms, and follow [CDC guidance](#) if symptoms develop.

## What about possible closure(s)?

Arizona Science Center will be checking state and local health department notices daily about transmission in the area and adjust operations accordingly:

- In the event a person diagnosed with COVID-19 is determined to have been in the building and poses a risk to the community, programs may need to close for a short time (1-2 days) for cleaning and disinfection.

**In the event of an emergency, we will provide information to our guests whenever possible via phone, email, and our website. Please consult local authorities for the most up to date information regarding any emergency situations.**