



Dear Program Families,

We are so excited that you will be joining us for programs! The health and safety of the children we serve, and our staff are our number one priority during this unprecedented time. We have added additional safety precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We are working hard to make sure that we are following the State's guidelines and we ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate these changes.

Our current precautions and policies are as follows:

1. Self-health check – Please do not bring your child to program if they are experiencing any symptoms or have a fever. Any child with a temperature of 100.4 or higher or with COVID-19 symptoms will not be permitted to attend programs and may not return without a doctor's note.
2. Check-in – Please enter the museum through the Discover More Store. From there you will head to the third-floor classrooms for your program. Due to current CDM hours of operation, there will be a window of time that you and your child will be allowed into the building. We will not be able accommodate check in times outside of this window. Arrival time for Kinder Camp will be 9:00-9:15 am. You may be asked to wait if we have multiple families checking in at the same time.
3. Handwashing – All children and staff will need to immediately wash their hands when entering the classroom. Hand sanitizer will be available during the program as well as additional opportunities to wash their hands.
4. Masks – Masks will be required for the entirety of the program.
5. Classrooms – Class sizes will be limited to 10 children, a museum educator, and education assistant. Children will be assigned a table in the classroom where they will participate in their activities for most of the program. Children will also be provided for the entirety of the program a set of classroom supplies such as markers, scissors, glue, pencil, etc. that will be kept at their table to limit sharing of materials.
6. Supplies to bring – Please limit the number of items you bring from home to program. Children may bring a water bottle. Water fountains will not be open.
7. Check-out – Check-out time will be 11:45-12:00 pm. Please enter through the Discover More Store and make your way to the third-floor classroom to pick up and sign your child out. Please exit the building through the main CDM door.
8. Cleaning – Classroom tables and chairs will be wiped down periodically throughout the program as we transition from different activities. At the end of each day, our facilities management team will come in to sanitize all surfaces in the classrooms and bathrooms.
9. Parking- Street parking may be limited. There will be no dropping off or picking up allowed in the traffic circle. Families are encouraged to park in the Trail East Parking Lot located North of the museum, off College Ave or Uptown Station Parking. The Parking Deck is free for the first hour.

Kinder Camp Daily Schedule:

- 9:00-9:15: Check-In and Simple Tabletop Activities
- 9:15-9:30: Beginning Circle Time
- 9:30-10:00: Structured Activity 1
- 10:00-10:20: Music and Movement Time
- 10:25-10:45: Bathroom Break and Snack
- 10:45-11:15: Structured Activity 2
- 11:15-11:40: Center Based Learning
- 11:40-11:50: Ending Circle Time

- 11:50-12:00: Prepare for Check-Out.

Other Program Specific COVID-19 Precautions:

- Simple Tabletop Activities: For the entirety of the program children will have at their table a set of markers and paper for drawing / coloring, a set of math link cubes, and a geoboard. These activities will also be available for children to use if they finish up an activity early.
- Structured Activities: The museum educator and assistant will either pass out supplies needed for our structured activities or if supplies are being used that the children need to pick out, they will come up to the supply table one child at a time to gather needed supplies.
- Music and Movement Time: We will have space cleared in our second-floor party rooms for this time. Children will be assigned a spot each day where they will have their own zone to move during these activities.
- Snack Time: CDM will provide a prepackaged simple snack (fruit snack, granola bar). This will be the only time that children can take off their mask and once they are finished eating, their mask will need to be put back on. Children will wash their hands before and after snack and their table will be wiped down before and after snack as well. If there are food allergy concerns, please contact the CDM prior to the start of camp so that plans can be made accordingly.
- Center Based Learning Activities: Children will have a wide variety of things to choose from to play with during center time which will take place at their table. Examples of things they may choose from may include play dough, art activities, building materials such as k'nex, legos, or magna tiles, and individual math games that work on sorting, patterns, etc.

Please feel free to call or email the education team if you have any questions or concerns about these new procedures. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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