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Adventures in Nature 2022 | COVID-19 Safety Protocols

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The following measures will be implemented as we return to in-person Adventures in Nature day camp at the Natural History Museum. Protocols are based on the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health's order, ["Reopening Protocol for Day Camps: Appendix K"](#)

CLEANING PROTOCOLS

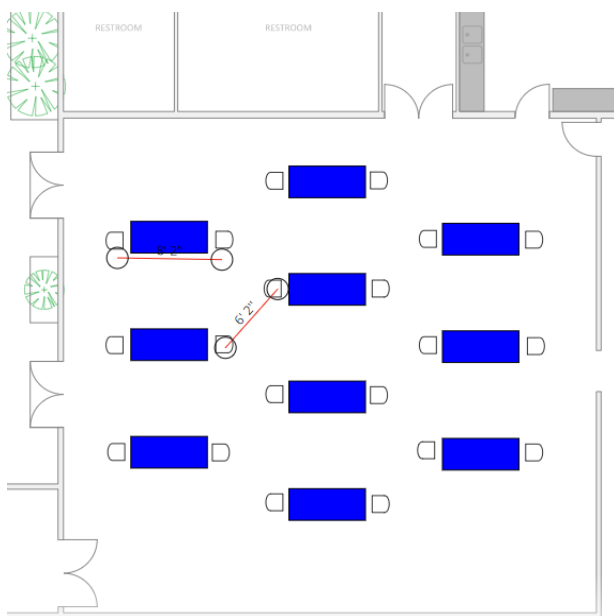
- Frequent cleaning of common areas:
 - Restrooms and other common areas, as well as frequently touched surfaces (such as door handles, light switches, sink handles, tables, etc.) are cleaned frequently— no less than once per day— during operating hours, on the following schedule:
 - Restrooms: multiple times throughout the day, as needed
 - Classrooms/common spaces: daily, after 3 pm
 - Clean and air out spaces before campers arrive; do thorough cleanings when campers are not present.
- Hygiene and sanitization supplies provided:
 - Cleaning and disinfectant products used are effective against emerging viral pathogens and approved for use against COVID-19. Supplies used are consistent with [LAUSD's approved cleaning/sanitization supplies](#).
 - Disinfectant and related supplies are available to employees at the following location(s): Education Classroom, South Building Conference Room, 2nd Floor Education Mezzanine and 4th Floor Education Offices.
 - Hand sanitizer effective against COVID-19 is available at the following location(s): Education Classroom and South Building Conference Room. They are also located throughout the museum.
- Limiting use of shared supplies:
 - Campers will be provided with their own materials (craft/activity supplies, etc.), where practicable.
 - Any shared supplies are regularly cleaned per established guidelines.
 - Camper's personal belongings are separated and in individually labeled storage containers, cubbies or areas. Personal belongings must be taken home each day.



- Time is provided for camp staff to implement cleaning practices during their shift. The Museum’s contracted custodial service (United) will assist with the increased cleaning demand in classrooms and other common spaces.

DISTANCING GUIDELINES

- Reduced capacity/use of alternative classroom spaces:
 - Total of 45 available camper spots, 8 staff (3 instructors, 2 counselors, 1 lead)
 - Education Classroom (Grades 3-5) - 20 Campers and 3 staff
 - South Building Conference Room (Grades K-2) - 25 Campers and 4 staff
- Check-in/check-out protocol:
 - Separate check-in tables and gathering/lining-up locations for each class to limit contact
 - Face coverings are recommended for staff, campers, and guardians during check-in/check-out
 - Single-use masks will be made available to campers, staff, and guardians
- Setup of camp spaces maximizes distance between seating, desks, and rest areas.
 - Use of alternative spaces as needed, including outdoor space, weather permitting.
 - Example classroom set-up (South Building):



- Lunch/snack protocols:
 - Lunch and snacks will be eaten outside, weather permitting.
 - Campers must bring their own meals.



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- Campers must bring a water bottle from home (Refill stations are available)
- Activity considerations:
 - Restrict communal activities where possible. If this is not practicable, stagger use, properly space occupants, keep groups small/consistent and disinfect high-touch objects/areas regularly.
 - Activities that generate respiratory droplets such as heavy exertion or singing, are done outside, weather permitting.
- Minimize presence of nonessential visitors and volunteers.

FACE COVERINGS

- The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health strongly recommends that all campers, staff, and visitors wear masks while indoors.
- Single-use masks will be made available to campers, staff, and Museum visitors.

HYGIENE AND HEALTH

- Camp staff are fully vaccinated.
- Campers and staff will wash hands before and after eating; after coughing or sneezing; after being outside or in public areas of the museum; and before and after using the restroom.
- Campers and staff will wash hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application, and use paper towels to dry hands thoroughly.
- Hand sanitizer (at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol) may be used when hand washing is not possible. Sanitizer must be rubbed into hands until completely dry. Children under age 9 should use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Call Poison Control if consumed: 1-800-222-1222
- Staff model and practice proper hand washing methods for campers.
- Handwashing is done at staggered intervals to prevent congregation in restrooms/around sinks.
- Campers are reminded of the following personal protective measures throughout the day:
 - Regular handwashing
 - Avoid touching of eyes, nose, and mouth
 - Cover coughs and sneezes (inside a tissue or your elbow), and use a tissue to wipe your nose



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CHECKING FOR SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- Train staff and educate campers and their families about when they should stay home and when they can return to camp. Actively encourage staff and campers who are sick or who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 to stay home.
- All staff and campers are screened upon arrival at the Museum daily.
- Worker testing program - camp staff are offered COVID-19 tests on the first day of each week.
- Exclude any child, parent, caregiver or staff showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection, or with a known exposure to an individual confirmed to have COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:
 - Fever or Chills (Elevated temperature of 100.4 F or higher)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Runny or Stuffy Nose
 - Headache, Muscle or Body Aches
 - Sore Throat
 - Nausea, Vomiting, or Diarrhea
 - Loss of Taste or Smell
- Monitor staff and campers throughout the day for signs of illness; send home campers and staff with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection. Send persons to the appropriate medical facility rather than their home if necessary.
- Posted signage details symptoms of COVID-19 and instructs visitors to stay home if sick with respiratory symptoms.

COMMUNICATION

- A copy of this protocol and "[Reopening Protocol for Day Camps: Appendix K](#)" has been distributed to each camp staff member.
- All camp staff and families will be made aware of enhanced sanitation practices, physical distancing guidelines and their importance, masking recommendations, screening practices and COVID-19 specific program exclusion criteria. This protocol will be posted on the [AIN page](#) and sent with confirmation materials.



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- The Natural History Museum’s website also details our museum-wide [COVID-19 Safety Guidelines](#)
- Maintain communication systems that allow staff and families to self-report symptoms and receive prompt notifications of exposures and closures, while maintaining confidentiality.
 - Camp families will be provided with a camp phone number and an email address to communicate directly with the Program Manager for Adventures in Nature Camp.
 - Camp staff will communicate with families about potential exposures via phone or email as soon as as possible and issue refunds as needed.

PROTOCOLS FOR POSITIVE TESTS

- Upon being informed that a staff member or camper tests positive for COVID-19, the infected person will be required to isolate themselves at home; the Museum will communicate with all persons exposed to the infected person and instruct them to quarantine.
- Sick staff members or campers will be advised not to return until they have met the criteria to return to the camp site as outlined in the L.A. County Public Health [Decision Pathway](#)
- An isolation room has been identified to separate anyone who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19. The campers or staff exhibiting symptoms should remain in the isolation room until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as practicable.
 - The 4th floor conference room will be used as an isolation room in the event a camper needs to be isolated during camp.
- The Program Manager (Lindsey Kelly)’s contact information will be shared with camp families; questions regarding COVID-19 safety protocols and measures may be directed to the Program Manager.
 - The Director of Safety and Risk Management (Carlos Casillas) will be available to support in answering COVID-19 related questions.
- The Museum’s Director of Safety & Risk Management has been trained to coordinate the documentation and tracking of possible exposures, in order to notify local health officials of all COVID-19 cases at the site within 1 business day of being notified of a case.
- Day camps are required to notify the Department of Public Health of all individuals with confirmed COVID-19 who were on site at any point within the 14 days prior to the illness onset date. The illness onset date is the first date of COVID-19 symptoms or the COVID-19 test date, whichever is earlier.
 - Camp families agree to inform the Museum of this by signing and returning the Adventures in Nature Information and Policies document.



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- The L.A. County Department of Public Health will be notified of any COVID-19 exposures (via the secure web application: <http://www.redcap.link/lacdph.educationsector.covidreport>), within 1 business day of our being notified of the case.
- In the event that 3 or more COVID-19 cases are identified within the facility in a span of 14 days, the employer should immediately report this cluster to the Department of Public Health. The Department of Public Health will work with the day camp to determine whether the cluster is an outbreak that will require a public health outbreak investigation.
- Close off areas used by any sick person and do not use them before cleaning and disinfection. If possible, wait 24 hours or as long as possible before cleaning and disinfecting the area.
- In consultation with the local public health department, the appropriate camp official may consider if closure is warranted and length of time based on the risk level within the specific community.