



CURIOSITY CAMPS 2022 HEALTH & WELL-BEING PROTOCOLS

We are so excited to have you join us for Curiosity Camps! Our goal is to not only maintain the high-quality programming you expect from the RMSC but to keep your families safe and healthy while doing so. We'll be following guidelines set by Monroe County, NY State, and the CDC—such as reduced group sizes, increased sanitization, and maximized social distancing. The procedures listed below may change based on new information or additional guidance, and we'll adjust accordingly. Our team can't wait to welcome you to Curiosity Camps!

- During drop-off, each camper's adult will be required to complete a short questionnaire as outlined below in the Health & Hygiene section. A staff member will verbally verify that the adult has read all three questions before signing.
- Any camp participant exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home. Symptoms include:

Fever (100.4 °F or higher) or

chills

Cough

Nasal congestion or runny nose

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Poor appetite

Diarrhea

Nausea or vomiting

Stomachache

Fatigue

Headache

Muscle or body aches

Shortness of breath or

difficulty breathing

- If a camp participant is sent home because they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, they must meet one of the criteria below before they are allowed to return to Curiosity Camps:
 - A full 5 days have passed since they were sent home from Curiosity Camps.
 - They have received a negative COVID-19 test (documentation required).
 - They have been cleared to return by their pediatrician (documentation required).

HEALTH & HYGIENE

- Each day at drop-off, each camper's adult will be required to complete a short questionnaire certifying that the following statements are true for the last 5 days:
 - The camp participant has not exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19.
 - The camp participant has not tested positive for COVID-19.
 - The camp participant has not knowingly been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (if unvaccinated).



- **If your camper is sick, PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME.** Anyone with a fever or symptoms of illness will not be permitted to stay at camp. If any participant develops a fever or symptoms of illness, they will be isolated, and a caregiver will be contacted for immediate pick-up. Cleaning protocols will also be enacted.
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 - They have received a negative COVID-19 test (documentation required).
 - They have been cleared to return by their pediatrician (documentation required).
- If a positive case of COVID-19 is identified, Curiosity Camps families will be immediately informed. We will follow directions and protocols set by the Department of Health and RMSC leadership—which may include temporary closure of the program.
- Staff are trained to implement and encourage youth to follow healthy hygiene practices:
 - Everyone will engage in frequent, regular hand washing.
 - Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and areas within the museum.
 - Staff will model healthy practices and monitor for hygiene and signs of illness throughout the camp day.

Masking

Wearing a well-fitting mask consistently and correctly reduces the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Masking policies for Curiosity Camps 2022 are based on CDC recommendations, and additional prevention strategies will be implemented as needed to maintain safe, in-person learning at different [COVID-19 Community Levels](#). We will check Monroe County's COVID-19 community level weekly and update masking policies accordingly; our current community level and masking policy will be posted at the door during drop-off.

Masking policies are outlined below for each level:

- **HIGH:**
 - Universal indoor masking required for campers, staff, and volunteers.
- **MEDIUM:**
 - Indoor masking required for staff and volunteers.
 - Indoor masking required for campers when mixing with other groups (e.g. during shows, when visiting the Museum & Science Center or the Strassenburgh Planetarium). Indoor masking recommended for campers when cohorting in their camp classroom.
- **LOW:**
 - Indoor masking optional for campers.
 - Indoor masking required for staff and volunteers when mixing with other groups (e.g. during shows, when visiting the Museum & Science Center or the Strassenburgh

Planetarium). Indoor masking recommended for staff and volunteers when cohorting in their camp classroom.

Please make sure to always send your camper with a mask! During times when masks are required, staff will facilitate regular, socially distanced mask breaks. Please note that additional precautions may be added at any time.

Close Contact and Testing Positive

Campers, staff, and volunteers are required to stay home when sick. Camp participants may also be required to stay home and wear a mask under close contact circumstances:

- If the camp participant tests positive for COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status), they must stay home for at least 5 full days after Day 0 (the day they test positive). The camper may return to camp after 5 full days and must wear a mask for Days 6-10 after testing positive.
 - If the camper was symptomatic after testing positive, they must also be fever-free without medication for more than 24 hours and have improving symptoms in order to return.
 - If the camp participant has close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 and is vaccinated or has had COVID-19 in the last 90 days, no quarantine is required. They may return to camp and must wear a mask for 10 full days after the close contact. Testing is recommended on Day 5, and they must stay home if they begin to develop symptoms.
 - If the camp participant has close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 and is not vaccinated or has not received all recommended doses, they must stay home for 5 full days after the close contact. They may return to camp on Day 6 and must wear a mask for Days 6-10. Testing is recommended on Day 5, and they must stay home if they begin to develop symptoms.
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GROUPS & CLASSROOMS

- Group sizes will be kept small (approximately 15-16 campers) and will remain separated to reduce intermixing between groups.
- We will implement an increased plan for sanitizing and cleaning all classroom surfaces, supplies, and exhibit areas. Classroom environments will be adjusted to maximize social distancing and minimize shared supplies.
- We will not serve lunch or snack; please make sure to pack a lunch, snack, and water bottle for your camper (no refrigeration available). We will facilitate handwashing and social distancing during all meal times.
- Only campers, staff, and volunteers will be permitted in classrooms.