

# The Children's Museum Vacation Science Camp

## Message to Parents and Guardians

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Please read the following and let us know if you have any questions or concerns by emailing our Registration Department at [Pburgess@thechildrensmuseumct.org](mailto:Pburgess@thechildrensmuseumct.org)

After reading, please sign the last page and send to the above email.

We are looking forward to seeing you this summer!

### What should your child bring with them in their backpack?

- **Plenty of water** in a bottle/ thermos that students can open and close without adult assistance, labeled with their name. Per required opening guidelines by the State, **water fountains will be closed** down and not accessible by campers. Packing enough water for the day is very important.
- **Hand sanitizer** that is at least 60% alcohol with student's name easily featured on the bottle.
- **Nut-free snack and lunch** that students can open and eat without adult assistance.
- **Food should be packed in a non-insulated bag** such as a paper bag, plastic bag, or reusable grocery bag.
- **Bandana** or **mask** in a baggie or container labeled with the child's name. The child needs to be able to put the face-covering on and off by themselves
- **Close-toed shoes**
- If your child requires medication send in a labeled, clear baggie with your child's name on it, and please make sure the necessary paperwork is accompanying the medication.

### New COVID-19 Related Measures

In light of COVID-19, The Children's Museum is taking enhanced health and safety precautions as set forth by the State of Connecticut and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"). We are using our best efforts to act responsibly and reasonably to do what is within our power to prevent the spread of disease.

## **Here are a few changes to the program:**

### **Drop-off and Pick-up:**

We recommend arriving at least 15 minutes early for drop-off. Drop-off and pick-up will be outdoors. Upon entering the parking lot, please get into ONE line of cars. There will be a designated pickup and drop-off location for your child(ren). Once your child(ren) is dropped-off or picked-up you can carefully exit the line and parking lot. If you can, please stay in the car and have your child enter and exit from the PASSENGER SIDE ONLY!

**Drop-off and Pick up will take place in the back parking lot by the Kingwood Oxford field.**

**Drop off:** Arrive between 8:45 and 9:00

**Pick up:** Arrive between 3:30 and 4:00

### **Daily Health Screening:**

We will perform a contact-less temperature and visual health screening on all children upon arrival to ensure the health and safety of all involved. Anyone showing a fever of 100 degrees or higher, or those with any respiratory distress or coughing, will not be able to attend. If a child becomes ill during the program, a parent will be called for immediate pick-up.

### **Illness or Exposure to Illness:**

Parents must keep children home if they are sick, or if the child has been exposed to others who are sick. Please contact us immediately if your child has any symptoms of COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19. If a child has had COVID-19 or has been exposed to COVID-19, the child should not return to the program until after they have satisfied the applicable isolation or quarantine guidelines issued by the CDC.

### **General Health and Safety Measures:**

Students are required to wear a mask while in shared public areas of the property (i.e. bathrooms, exhibits, hallways). We will be implementing regular and frequent hand washing for all and will be observing social distancing to the extent possible. We have developed a schedule and protocol for intensified cleaning and disinfection per CDC guidelines.

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## **Acknowledgment and Release:**

The Children's Museum has taken enhanced health and safety measures to protect your children, your family, staff, and any others who come on-site. We have described some of the protocols above. We expect all families to comply with these new measures.

Despite our efforts, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. The Children's Museum has put in place measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Children's Museum cannot guarantee that you and your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Children's Museum summer programs could increase your child(ren)'s or your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By having your child(ren) attend the Children's Museum, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. You agree - on behalf of yourself and your child(ren) - to release and waive The Children's Museum Inc., including its officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, from any claims or causes of action arising out of or in any way related to your child's attendance to the Children's Museum and the contraction by your child(ren), family member, or other people of COVID-19.

**Please fill out and sign the last page. Email the signed acknowledgment to [Pburgess@thechildrensmuseumct.org](mailto:Pburgess@thechildrensmuseumct.org)**

## **Travel advisory:**

There is a 14-day self-quarantine period for all persons arriving from specific states that are showing a new daily positive COVID test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents or a state with a 10% or higher positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average. This list will be updated on a regular basis as the situation develops across the country. At this time, campers who have traveled to one of these states will be prohibited from camp until they have self-quarantined for at least 14 days. Please visit this website for information on the executive order and to see the current state list.

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Travel-In-or-Out-of-CT>

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### **Additional Notes:**

- All paperwork should be turned in to the Registration Department before the first day of Camp.
- Campers may be offered a peanut-free snack during camp. Please alert the camp director if you do not give permission for your child to consume any food given by staff.
- If you arrive late for drop-off, park as close as possible to the drop-off area and call our front desk 860-231-2824. We will send a staff member over to sign-in your child.
- Pick up hours will be between **3:30 and 4:00**. If you know in advance that you will be picking up your camper at some other time during the day, let us know and we will try to make this as easy as possible for you.
- Authorized pick-up adults must have a photo ID easily available during pick up.
- If there are no authorized adults to pick up a child by **4:15**, we will take the following steps:  
1) Call each authorized pick up number. 2) If no authorized adult can be reached, we will call our Camp Director, to inform them we will be calling the police to make them aware of the situation.

### **Medication Reminders – Each medication must meet the State mandated requirements:**

- Medication in the original box (this also includes over the counter medication)
- Medication must not be expired
- Pharmacy label on all prescribed medications
- Completed all necessary paperwork

For questions, please call registration at 860-726-4008. If you need to leave a voicemail, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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I have read *The Children's Museum's Message to Parents and Guardians* and the above *Acknowledgment and Release* and/or they have been explained to me by staff via email or per phone conversations.

I understand the safety protocols that are being implemented during the summer programs my child(ren) will be attending at The Children's Museum and agree to abide by these new rules and regulations.

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Name of Participating Child(ren) or Program Participant(s)

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Date