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## **2021 Summer Camps COVID-19 Guidelines**

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences is committed to offering fun, science-centered camps. While this year may be different, the Museum's programs will allow campers to embark on exciting adventures creating a deeper connection to the natural world.

Our summer camps will follow current state and federal guidelines and apply a range of safety measures to mitigate health risks, including smaller camp sizes, mask requirements, moving camps into larger rooms, keeping different camp sessions and staff separated and increasing sanitation efforts. Guardians will be updated on our current guidelines when camp packets are emailed in June.

Please note that all summer camps are subject to change or cancellation depending on COVID-19 restrictions. A full refund would be provided in event of a cancellation by the Museum.

### **COVID-19 protocols:**

All campers and their families must comply with the protocols listed below to create a safe camp environment this summer. These protocols are subject to change as local, state and CDC guidelines are revised. Please understand that situations can change quickly. We appreciate your patience and flexibility.

- **Limited camp size** – Our camps will operate at reduced capacities to allow for proper social distancing. Camp registration will open with 8 campers per session. If state guidelines allow, registration for camps may increase to 12 campers.
- **Masks or cloth face coverings are required, indoors and outdoors** – Campers five years old and above are required to wear a cloth face covering, indoors and outdoors, that covers the nose and mouth, except when eating or drinking. Staff will follow the same protocol.
- **Health screening checklist** – Daily, prior to arrival, guardians will review the symptom check list provided in the camp materials with their camper to confirm they can come onsite. Staff will follow the same protocol. If someone within a camper's or staff person's household exhibits any symptoms from the checklist, the camper and/or staff must stay home.
- **Drop-off and pick-up** – Adults will be asked to remain in their cars during curbside drop-off and pick-up. Daily, during drop-off, the adult will be asked to verbally attest they have completed the health screening checklist before the camper comes onsite.
- **Hand washing and hand sanitizer** – Hand washing and use of hand sanitizer will be required throughout the day including arrival and departure, before and after all activities, meals and use of the restroom.
- **Social distancing** – Each camp will have a dedicated space. Contact with other camps or instructors will be limited.
- **Increased sanitizing and cleaning** – Increased cleaning and sanitizing protocols will take place multiple times throughout the day.
- **Water fountains** – Water fountains will not be available. Children will be able to refill their water bottles throughout the day in their classroom.

- **Camp guidance and protocols** – Guardians will be updated on our current guidelines when camp packets are emailed in June, prior to the camp start date.
- **Symptoms of illness** – Guardians will be notified immediately to pick up their child without delay if they exhibit symptoms of illness. If a camper or Summer Camps staff tests positive for COVID-19, NCMNS will notify guardians of campers that a positive test was confirmed as soon as the information becomes available to us.