

# Birthday Parties

## COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

We are so excited to have you celebrate with us! We want to make sure that everyone stays safe while having fun. We are following current local, state, and federal health guidelines and applying a range of safety measures to make the birthday party program as safe as possible. We understand that new rules can be difficult to follow, especially for young children. That said, please cooperate with our rules to help make our birthday party program a safe, fun and enjoyable experience for everyone.

**Masks or cloth face coverings are required for all guests** – Face coverings are required for ages 2 and above in order to be present in the classroom where the activity portion of the party will be held, regardless of vaccination status. Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth. Staff will also wear a face covering for the duration of the party. Guests may remove their face coverings when actively eating and drinking in the designated celebration space provided towards the end of the party.

**Hand washing and hand sanitizer** – Hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged throughout the party including at arrival and before and after activities, eating, and use of the restroom.

**Physical distancing** – Party staff will encourage physical distancing throughout the party. Activities are designed to allow participants to maintain approximately 3 feet of distance between individuals while masked. Your group will be provided with a separate party room with enough space for each of the participating children to be 6 feet apart, so they can remove their masks and enjoy food or refreshments.

During the animal program, Museum educators will need to maintain 6 feet of distance between the animals and all guests. Guests are not permitted to touch any of the animals at this time.

**Increased sanitizing and cleaning** – Rooms will be cleaned between each party, including the cleaning and sanitizing of materials, equipment and high-touch surfaces.

**Symptoms of illness** – If anyone in your group feels sick, has a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, or has been diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19 within the last 14 days, please stay home. If these circumstances apply to someone in the party family, please contact us and we will do our best to arrange an alternative.

**Notification of a positive test** – Please contact us if someone who was at the party tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after the party date. If the Museum becomes aware of a positive case connected with your party group, we will share the information with the party family who can then disseminate the information to the guests.

We will keep party families updated if guidelines change or if there are any expected changes in the party experience. All Museum programs 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.