

RMSC Curiosity Club Health & Wellbeing Protocols

We are so excited to have you join us for Curiosity Club! Our goal is to not only maintain the high-quality programming you expect from RMSC but to keep your families safe and healthy while doing so. We'll be following all guidelines set by the county, state, and 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 Club!

With COVID-19 cases in Monroe County on the rise, we are taking proactive steps to protect the health of our students, families, and staff. We have made additions and enhancements to our Health & Wellbeing Protocols, which will go into effect on Monday, November 9, 2020 and remain in effect until further notice.

- All Curiosity Club participants will have their temperature checked upon arrival with a contactless thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to stay.
- The adult dropping off the club participant will still be required to complete the short questionnaire as outlined below in the *Health and Hygiene* section. A staff member will now verbally verify that the adult has read all three questions before signing.
- If a club participant is sent home because they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, (including the daily temperature check) they must meet one of the criteria below before they are allowed to return to Curiosity Club
 - A full 10 days have passed since they were sent home from Curiosity Club
 - They have had a negative COVID-19 test - documentation required
 - They have been cleared to return by their pediatrician - documentation required
- Symptoms of COVID-19 which will trigger the above procedure include:
 - Fever (temperature 100.4 °F or higher) or chills
 - Cough
 - Nasal congestion or runny nose
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Stomachache
 - Tiredness
 - Headache
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Poor appetite

Health and Hygiene

- During daily check-in, the adult who is dropping off the club participant will be required to complete a short questionnaire certifying that within the last 14 days:
 - the club participant has not exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19

- has not tested positive for COVID-19
- and has not knowingly been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Staff will undergo the same daily health screening listed above.
- Anyone with a fever or symptoms of illness will not be permitted to stay.
- If any participant develops a fever or symptoms of illness, they will be isolated, and a parent/guardian will be contacted for immediate pick-up. Cleaning protocols will be enacted for any areas they visited.
- Anyone who is sick will be required to remain at home.
- If a positive case of COVID-19 is identified, club 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.
- Everyone will be required to wear masks when they are unable to maintain social distancing. At the direction of staff, participants will be able to remove their masks when social distancing can be practiced safely (i.e. sitting at a schoolwork or activity station) or when engaging in outdoor activities.
- 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 monitor to make sure everyone is using it frequently.
 - Staff will be required to wear appropriate PPE.
 - Staff will monitor for hygiene and signs of illness throughout the day.

Groups and Classrooms

- Group sizes will be kept small (approximately 15, depending on the size of the classroom) in accordance with New York State and CDC recommendations. Groups 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. Any shared supplies will be sanitized between use.
- We will not serve any food, including snacks. We will maintain a designated lunch time and allow for snack breaks. Participants will need to bring a lunch and are encouraged to bring whatever snacks they would like.
- Only Curiosity Club participants, along with staff will be permitted in classrooms.

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