

SMLI Covid-19 2021 Summer Camp

Policies & Procedures

Arriving at Camp:

Children must be dropped off at the Science Museum of Long Island in order to attend camp. Upon arriving at camp, cars must use the camp entrance located on Plandome Road. When arriving at the facility, cars will bear left at the fork and proceed through the gate and proceed up the driveway toward the main building. A staff member will direct vehicles to park at a predetermined location along the driveway where the child's teacher will be located. The teacher will perform a health screening and temperature check upon arrival (see below). **If the child does not display any signs of illness, they will be admitted into camp.**

The front gate on Plandome Rd will open at 9:15 am for child drop off and 2:30 pm for child pick up. In order to prevent a large crowd of children gathering at drop off/pick up areas, arrival times will be staggered in 15-minute intervals with parents assigned specific times to drop off campers. Parents will be instructed to their drop off times the Friday prior to camp arrival. Upon arrival, parents will be greeted by an SMLI staff member who will direct vehicles to one of 5 pre-determined locations spaced at minimum 6 feet apart from other vehicles. If all drop off points are occupied, the arriving vehicle will be directed to the first available drop off point.

Upon arriving on the first day of camp, the parent/guardian will receive cards with their child's name, teacher's name, and grade level (last completed). These cards will be color coded according to the colors below and must be displayed in the windshield in whichever vehicle picks their child up at the end of camp. If your child is attending multiple weeks of camp, you will receive a card only on your child's first day of camp.

Pre-K – Yellow

Kindergarten - Purple

1st Grade – Red

2nd & 3rd Grade – Blue

4th Grade & Up - Green



Screening and Admittance:

There will be a mandatory health screening assessment for employees and campers on a daily basis (See attached SMLI Health Screening Questionnaire for specifics). Upon arrival at camp each day, parents will be greeted by a staff member. The staff member will perform a health screening from the camper's car prior to accepting campers, which includes:

1. Assessing the following symptoms:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
2. Asking if there has been close or proximate contact with persons confirmed or suspected of having Covid-19 in the past 14 days
3. Performing a non-contact temperature check

Results will be documented when signs and symptoms of illness are observed. **Any person (staff or camper) with a fever of 100.4° or above or other signs/symptoms of COVID-19 illness listed above will not be admitted to the camp and will be advised to contact their health care provider for assessment and testing. Parents must notify SMLI and keep their child at home if their child is sick. Staff will also be instructed to stay home if they are sick.**

- In the event that a parent/guardian of a camper must be isolated due to contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19, that parent guardian will not be allowed to enter the site for any reason including picking up and dropping off of their child.
 - If any member of the same household as the camper – is exhibiting symptoms of signs of Covid-19 or has been tested and is positive for the virus, SMLI will utilize an emergency contact authorized by the parent to come and pick up the camper. As a “close contact” the camper will not be allowed to return to camp for the duration of the quarantine.
 - If any member of the same household as the camper – is being quarantined as a precautionary measure, without symptoms or a positive test, as a “close contact” the camper must not return to the camp for the duration of the quarantine.
 - If a camper or any household member becomes symptomatic for Covid-19 and/or tests positive, the child must quarantine and may not return to the camp program until after the quarantine is complete.

In the case of any of the above circumstances please notify SMLI by calling Dan Steiger at (516) 627-9400 ext 12

Infection Control and Social Distancing Strategies:

Campers will be assigned to a group of children of similar age for the week(s) they are registered. Each group will have a full-time teacher and full-time counselor supervising the daily activities with children.

Group sizes will be limited to 15 children each. To prevent interactions between groups, areas inside and outside the facility will be designated to each group. Daily activities including drop off/pick up, camp programming, and lunch will be conducted in these spaces and will be identified using colored ribbon, tape, and/or arrows that are assigned to each group and include:

1. Drop off points when arriving at camp
2. Designated tables and assigned seats for lunch, outdoor science activities, checking into camp, and departure procedures
3. Limited areas for recess activities that do not overlap with other groups
4. Assigned doorways, hallways, and staircases for use only by members of the assigned group
5. Assigned bathrooms and water coolers for each group that are not shared with other groups

The following prevention and mitigation strategies to slow and limit COVID-19 exposure and spread will be enacted:

1. Staggered drop off and pick up times to avoid large crowds gathering at designated areas
2. Requiring all staff, volunteers, campers, and other persons to stay home when sick
3. Facilitate frequent hand washing upon arrival at camp, before and after activities, before lunch, after recess, and after using the restroom.
4. Providing hand sanitizer at all locations where children will be situated and having employees carry sanitizer with them at all times when a sanitizing station cannot be set up.
5. Wearing face coverings as much as possible as it is deemed safe.
6. Avoiding touching your face as much as possible
7. Reporting illnesses and symptoms to administrators
8. Isolating symptomatic children and staff while they wait to be picked up from the premises.
9. Implement enhanced cleaning and disinfection procedures daily using EPA approved disinfectants and following CDC guidance.

Equipment and Shared Spaces:

- All equipment, tools, and supplies will be cleaned and sanitized prior to using and afterwards. Any equipment, tool, or supplies that are difficult to clean and sanitize will not be used.
- Children will have designated bins to store all materials they use and assigned a location within their classroom for storage. Any supplies stored in these bins will not be shared amongst other children and will be cleaned and sanitized prior to and after use.
- Any space in the building or grounds that is designated for use by a particular group will not be used by any other group that is not assigned to that space. If an area is not assigned to any particular group, that space must be cleaned both prior and after use including all surfaces, seating, tools, equipment, and anything else that a person may have come into contact with.

- If a particular space within the buildings or on the grounds is not assigned to a particular group, it may be used for activities only if that space has been cleaned and sanitized prior to use. Only one group per day will be permitted to use such spaces.

Camp activities that require the use of shared space or materials may be modified or removed as needed in order to comply with CDC guidelines.

All spaces within the SMLI buildings that are used by employees or campers will undergo nightly cleaning of all surfaces, equipment, and tools. Facilities will also be professionally sanitized on a weekly basis.

Personal Protection Equipment:

- **Use of a mask is required for each employee at all times, especially when interacting with children in close quarters.** The Science Museum of Long Island will provide all employees with protective facemasks to be used according to proper CDC guidelines. Employees will be required to wear gloves when interacting with surfaces touched by campers and while handing out materials, then discard them as needed.
- **Masks are required inside SMLI facilities. Campers may bring their own masks from home. If a mask cannot be brought to camp, SMLI will provide a mask to use.** SMLI staff will supervise campers to make sure masks are not worn in situations that will put the child's health at risk.
- **Campers should bring a full change of clothes to be kept at camp in case of contamination, as well as a labeled refillable water bottle to prevent the use of disposable cups. If possible, campers are encouraged to bring their own sunscreen and bug spray.**

Visitors and Early Pickup:

1. Any visitors to the facility will be will not be allowed to enter the buildings without prior authorization and screening from the administration.
2. If a visitor is granted access to the facility, a face covering will be required when on the premises unless doing so will inhibits the health of the visitor. A mask will be provided if the visitor does not have one. If the individual refuses to wear a mask, they will be refused entry.
3. Any visitor that is granted access to the facility must not interact with groups of children that may be occupying the facility.

Lunch & Recess:

- **Children are required to bring their own lunch and snacks to camp each day. Any food or drink brought by the staff/campers is for that person only and is not to be shared under any circumstances.** Use of shared refrigerators will also be prohibited. If food needs to be kept cold, it

is recommended that food be brought in insulated lunch bags with ice packs. Campers must bring and label their own water bottles and/or preferred drink bottle.

- Children will be assigned seats spaced at least 6 ft. apart from other tables and at shaded locations separated from other groups. Groups will also be assigned specific areas for recess with toys and equipment that must not be shared with other groups. In the event of extreme heat, sprinklers will be set up at several locations for children to use. These sprinklers will also be assigned to specific groups.