

## METC Youth Program COVID-19 Policies for onsite programs

METC is committed to the safety of its staff and patrons amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. METC monitors daily updates from the WHO, CDC, federal, state and local officials regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States, as well as within New Jersey. All decisions regarding safety and reopening procedures are guided by this information. For additional information on COVID-19 please visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). The below policies will be instituted for any onsite youth program. Parents/guardians will also be required to complete a release form prior to attending the program.

### General

- All policies and guidelines are subject to change.
- Booking/attending a program constitutes agreement by all parents and participating children to follow the health and safety measures laid out for onsite programs during COVID-19. Parents should discuss all of the guidelines with their child(ren) prior to arrival to ensure understanding.

### Health Screening & Prevention

- Parents must verify upon drop-off that their child is symptom-free and has not had any contact with someone diagnosed with, or suspected of having, COVID-19 within the previous 15 days.
- Temperatures will be taken of all staff prior to the program and temperatures will be taken of participating children and chaperones at drop off if the program is occurring inside. No one with a temperature over 100.4 will be allowed to enter.
- Should a child become sick/start exhibiting symptoms during the program, that child will be removed from the rest of the group and the child's parent/guardian will be contacted either by museum staff or by the attending chaperone(s).

### Drop-off and pick-up

- Adults not remaining for the program will only be allowed to come inside to ensure their child is settled and METC staff will be limiting the number of families entering at a time.
- **No more than 25 people, including staff, will be allowed inside the METC Annex or METC at any time.** You may be asked to wait outside before dropping off your child to ensure capacity limits are maintained
- Parents should wait outside to pick up their child(ren), who will be brought out one at a time.

## **Supplies, Cleaning, Disinfecting & PPE**

- Staff will wear face coverings at all times.
- All participants, program chaperones and any adult entering the building(s) must wear face coverings at all times.
- All participants will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon arrival.
- All children will have their own set of supplies for activities.
- Any materials that must be shared will be cleaned and sanitized between uses.
- All frequently used areas of the building will be cleaned and disinfected frequently (door handles, restroom surfaces, etc.)
- Restrooms will only be available to participating children and chaperones.
- All staff, participants and chaperones should display proper cough etiquette, social distancing and other measures to limit any possible spread of COVID-19.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all times and should be used frequently by all staff, participants and chaperones between activities

## **Activities and spacing**

- Non-siblings will be spaced out at least 6 feet apart whenever possible.
- Program activities will be modified as needed to accommodate appropriate health and safety measures, including limiting or eliminating any activity requiring significant assistance from/contact with staff.
- Water fountain will be used for filling bottles only, not for drinking