



Health and Safety Protocols: Drop-Off Programming

Effective September 1, 2021.

The Iowa Children's Museum is proud to offer drop-off programs (Kinder Club and Tech Trek) which follow recommendations and guidelines from the Johnson County Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This includes all practices and procedures for this program including reduced group sizes, facial coverings, increased sanitization, and maximized social distancing.

The procedures listed below may change based on new information, transmission rates or additional guidance. The ICM team will adjust and inform caregivers accordingly.

Health Requirements for Entering the Program

- If you or your child are sick or have been around someone who is sick, please stay home and follow the CDC's guidelines for self-isolation.
- If you or your child are at high risk for severe illness, or are in close proximity to someone who is, stay home. Consult with your health care provider to see if you are at risk.
- If you or your child have any of the following symptoms, please stay home and contact your local health care provider:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Note: This list is not all of the possible symptoms for COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure.
- If you have been in "close contact" with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and follow CDC guidelines for self-isolation and testing. The Johnson County Health Department defines "close contact" as being within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

Check-In Procedures

- During check-in, the adult dropping off the child will be required to complete a short questionnaire certifying that, within the last 14 days, the participant:
 - has not exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19
 - has not tested positive for COVID-19
 - has not knowingly been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- The child will also undergo a temperature check with a non-contact thermometer.
- Staff will undergo the same daily health screening listed above.
- Anyone with a fever or symptoms of illness (fever, persistent or non-stop coughing, trouble breathing, vomiting or diarrhea) will not be permitted entrance.

Creating a Healthy Environment for Everyone

- Everyone (staff and students) will be required to wear facial coverings throughout the duration of the programs, regardless of vaccination status.
- Staff will encourage participants to follow healthy hygiene practices throughout the programs.
- Everyone will engage in frequent, regular hand washing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all areas within the museum. Staff will monitor to make sure everyone is using it frequently.
- Staff will monitor for hygiene and signs of illness throughout the day.
- Staff are trained in illness reducing strategies and will enforce these in facilitated activities and throughout the museum.

Suspected/Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case Procedures

If any child develops a fever or symptoms of illness during the program, they will be separated from other program participants with adult supervision, and a parent/guardian will be contacted for immediate pick-up. Cleaning protocols will be enacted for any areas the child visited.

- Any student or staff exhibiting the symptoms listed above or has been in close contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19 will not be permitted to participate in the program until:

Situation 1: If participant is NOT evaluated by a healthcare provider:

- At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared **AND**
- They have had no fever for at least 24 hours (that is ONE full day without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) **AND**
- Their other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath has improved).

Situation 2: If participant is evaluated by a healthcare provider and the provider determines the following:

- Negative COVID-19 Test- Participants may return to program after 24 hours with no fever (without the use of fever reducing medicine) **AND** symptoms are improving. (Physician's note is required).
 - Alternative Diagnosis- Participants may return to program after 24 hours with no fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) **AND** symptoms improving. (Physician's note is required).
 - Positive Covid-19 Test- Return to program after 24 hours with no fever (1 full day without fever-reducing medications), **AND** symptoms improving, **AND** 10 days since symptoms started.
- Families will be immediately informed of a positive COVID-19 test result as soon as possible. Program participants and ICM staff will follow directions and protocols set forth by the Johnson County Department of Public Health and ICM leadership, which may include a temporary closure of the program.

Response to Symptoms of Illness:

This portion outlines the Iowa Children's Museums' protocol for participants who exhibit the following symptoms during program activities:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Persistent coughing
- Trouble breathing

Staff Response:

1. Participant(s) suspected to have symptoms will be separated from the rest of the group to protect the health of other participants and staff. This space is located within the museum in a large back hallway.
2. Participant will need to continue to wear a mask during this time. New PPE will be provided if their mask has become contaminated.
3. An adult will supervise the participant at all times in this separated space.
4. Parents/caregivers will be contacted immediately and asked for immediate pick up of the participant.

Picking up a symptomatic participant:

To prevent the participant from walking through the museum and potentially exposing other guests, we require pick up to occur at a staff entrance located on the southeast corner of the building between the green pillar and the grey outdoor stairs. It is near our ICM sign as well as the Chick-Fil-A curbside pickup area.

