

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
Preschool COVID-19 Protocols
As of August 2, 2021

We remain committed to the safety of our young visitors, and continue to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control.

- Employees and volunteers are required to wear masks during indoor programs for children ages 11 and under.
- Masks are required for children and adults attending our preschool classes while indoors.
- Parents must monitor children's symptoms prior to arrival at the Center. Children with symptoms must stay at home. Children that test positive for COVID-19 must stay at home and remain at home until at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and at least 24-hours with no fever without fever reducing medication and other symptoms are improving.
- Parent/Guardian will bring children through the Main Entrance of the Center.
- Classrooms and restrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily, including high touch surfaces.
- Preschool classes are located in the Rocky River Room, the Porter Creek Room, and the Log Cabin. The Porter Creek Room and Log Cabin each have a restroom with sink, running water, and toilet.
- Instructors will vigorously wash their hands before entering a classroom. During the class instructors will frequently wash their hands where sinks are available, or will use hand sanitizer.
- Children will wash their hands where sinks are available or use hand sanitizer, upon arrival and prior to leaving for the day, as well as after toileting, before eating and when visibly soiled. Children will be provided with hand sanitizers when taking part in outdoor activities.
- Children will be provided their own kit of supplies which will be labeled and kept onsite during the class. Other craft supplies provided will be disposable and one-time use. Other supplies will be disinfected each day.
- No food or snacks will be provided during the class. Water will be provided in disposable cups and distributed by the teacher. No water bottles will be permitted in the classroom.

COVID positive test /symptoms or exposure plans

Symptoms of COVID-19 include but are not limited to cough, shortness of breath, or at least two of these conditions: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.

- A child with symptoms of COVID-19 will be brought to a safe area with an instructor and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the child.
- An instructor or child who has had any of the above symptoms and has not been diagnosed with COVID-19, has tested negative for COVID-19, has not been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, or is not reasonably suspected to have COVID-19 may not return until:
 - Symptom-free for at least 24 hours without the use of symptom-reducing medication
 - AND they meet all Ohio Department of Health requirements for exclusion found in JFS 08087 (Communicable Disease Chart)
 - OR they have a doctor's note stating they are not contagious and clearing them for return.
- Individuals who developed symptoms after being exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or who are reasonably suspected to have COVID-19, but who have not been tested may not return until:
 - They are fever-free (100° F) for at least 3 days without the use of medication
 - AND there is improvement in respiratory symptoms without the use of medication
 - AND other symptoms (chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell) are no longer experienced
 - AND at least 10 days have passed since the symptoms began.
- Instructor who came into close contact with an individual who has COVID-19 symptoms (including instructors who monitor a child isolated for COVID-19 symptoms) may continue to work, but should:
 - Take precautions recommended by the CDC to prevent disease transmission (wear a face covering, stay socially distant as possible, wash hands frequently).
 - Self-monitor for symptoms.

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- If the child or other individual is diagnosed with COVID-19 or is reasonably suspected to have COVID-19, the teacher need not quarantine if masking and social-distancing protocols were observed;
- If the child or other individual is diagnosed with COVID-19, or is reasonably suspected to have COVID-19, self-quarantine for 10 days, or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test, if the class participant could not wear a mask or social distance. Consult with Executive Director prior to return.

Confirmed and Suspected Cases of COVID-19

- In the event that a child or teacher has a confirmed case of COVID-19, develops symptoms after having close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19, or is reasonably suspected to have COVID-19:
 - Classes at that location will be immediately cancelled until the area can be appropriately disinfected.
 - Instructors will work together with the Executive Director to determine if other areas of the Center need to be closed and disinfected.
 - The local health officials and the Executive Director will be immediately notified.
 - Parents/guardian will be informed of the exposure without sharing the identity of individual who has tested positive.