

NHMU Summer Camp COVID-19 Precautions & Mitigations **Updated March 1, 2021**

Schedule & Timeline: A full slate of camps are being planned for Summer Camp 2021, but things will look slightly different.

- Programs will run each week between June 7 and August 9 (except for weeks of July 5 and 19 due to holidays)
- We plan to offer both in-person and virtual opportunities
- Summer@NHMU sessions will be offered only in a full day format, Monday – Thursday
- Summer@Home sessions will be offered in half-day formats, Monday – Thursday

In this together: By working together, we can mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and provide safe in-person opportunities. All CDC, State, and County COVID-19 mitigations will be followed.

Health & Ready for Camp: Parents are required to check their child’s health every day prior to bringing them to camp. Campers who have any of the following symptoms should NOT be sent to camp:

- A fever of 100.4 or above
- Cough unrelated to asthma or different than normal
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches, not explained by exercise
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Sore throat
- New runny nose or congestion
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

For the health and well-being of everyone, symptomatic children and staff **MUST** stay home. To maintain cohort coherence, parents are asked to remain outside of the Museum building.

Current U of U Face Mask Policy:

- [Face coverings](#) (covering with [two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric](#)) are required inside university buildings and in outdoor public settings where physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Face coverings must cover both the nose and the mouth. Plastic face shields do not meet this requirement but may be worn in conjunction with a cloth mask.
- Wash your face coverings often.

Face Coverings Required at NHMU: Face coverings are required everywhere on the University of Utah campus: outside on the grounds, inside the buildings and hallways, and in restrooms and classrooms; the Natural History Museum of Utah will be no exception.

- Campers and staff who do not have a clean, suitable mask, will be provided with one.
- 6 feet physical distance is expected, monitored, and reinforced.
- Campers and staff will be required to wash their hands on a regular schedule.
- Campers and staff who refuse to wear a face covering will not be allowed to participate in our summer camp program. Should a camper, or camp family, refuse to wear a face covering, a refund will not be provided.

Building Access: Parents will not be permitted to enter the Museum prior to opening to the public at 10am. Parents may communicate with the Camp Director at drop off and pick up, or through telephone or email.

Check-in and Check-out: Campers will enter and leave the Museum through our group entrance at designated times:

- Drop off for second through fifth grade sessions run from 8:15am – 8:30am. Pick up is between 4:30 – 4:45pm. Locations for drop off/pick up are TBD
- Drop off for Kinder & 1st grade sessions will run from 8:45-9:00am. Pick up is between 3:00 – 3:15pm. Locations for drop off/pick up are TBD

Campers will not be allowed to be dropped off before their grade level’s published arrival time. Late arrivals must call and be checked in separately.

Remember, to ensure the integrity of the session cohort, all students, parents and staff must wear a mask and maintain physical distance at check in and check out.

Classroom Cohorts: Camper contact will be limited to only those in their camp session. To limit the spread of COVID19, every effort will be made to keep camp cohorts intact throughout the day.

Contact Tracing: A program of contact tracing begins by limiting mingling and gatherings.

- Camp cohorts will be maintained throughout the session, which will assist with contract tracing.
- Assigned seating will be maintained throughout the session, which will assist with contract tracing.
- Camper movement throughout the building will be orderly, planned, purposeful, and limited.

Ventilation: The Museum utilizes high capacity Merv-13 air filters. Due to the collections we hold, the ventilation and air filtration systems are electronically monitored and replaced on a quarterly basis.

Lab Spaces: NHMU summer camp and custodial staff are present daily and prepared to assist with lab cleaning.

- Staff will regularly wipe down high touch points throughout the day, including, door handles, sink areas, desks and stools.
- Staff will be provided with spray bottles of disinfectant and sanitizing wipes for cleaning and disinfecting areas. Campers will assist in the wiping down of their areas before and after use.
- Desks will be distanced to ensure campers are seated more than six feet apart.
- Electrostatic sprayer/fogger will be utilized in the lab spaces each afternoon after camp is finished.
- High touch supplies will be for individual use only. Shared supplies will be disinfected as needed.

Snack and Lunch Times: NHMU will not provide snacks or lunch.

- Snack: Each camp cohort will go outside for between 10:30-10:45am and between 2:30-2:45pm. Cohorts will have assigned spaces, will be kept physically distanced, and will be allowed to remove their masks while eating/drinking. Send your child with two healthy, peanut-free snacks.
- Lunch: Each camp cohort will have their lunch outside between noon and 12:45pm. Cohorts will have assigned spaces, will be kept physically distanced, and will be allowed to remove their masks while eating/drinking. Send your child with a healthy, peanut-free lunch.
- Send your child with a reusable water bottle. Water spots will be located throughout the building and campers will be encouraged to stay hydrated throughout the day.
- Sharing of food/drink will not be allowed; this rule will be strictly enforced.

Backpacks and Personal Belongings: Campers should only bring necessary items. Electronic items and games/toys are not allowed. We strongly recommend putting your child’s name on all items.

- Backpacks are allowed, but should only contain necessary items
- Jackets/sweaters—it’s sometimes cool in the mornings and warmer in the afternoons so layering is best.

- Reusable/refillable water bottles are strongly recommended—bottles should be washed each night.
- Lunch box/bag—be sure your child’s lunch is peanut-free and does not require refrigeration.
- Any left-over personal belongings will be taken to the Museum’s lost-and-found each afternoon after camp. Contact the Museum’s front desk at 801-581-6927 if you are missing an item.

Outdoors, General:

- Campers and staff will be required to wear a face covering and to maintain physical distance at all times during summer camp, whether inside or outside of the building. Random gatherings are not allowed. Campers will be taught, supported, and expected to connect only with their camp cohort.
- Campers and staff will go outside, rain or shine. Be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the forecasted weather.

After Camp: Students must to be picked up at the designated time each afternoon. Families who wish to visit the Museum after camp hours must follow Museum policies regarding pre-purchase of timed admission tickets.

COVID-19 Health Room: NHMU will have a separate COVID-19 specific room set up for comfortably isolating symptomatic campers/staff while they await pick up.

- If any campers begin to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms while at camp, NHMU Camp Staff will follow the State of Utah, the Salt Lake County, and the University of Utah’s COVID-19 guidelines for isolating individuals.
- Parents of campers displaying COVID-19 symptoms must pick-up the camper within 45 minutes of notification to minimize exposure to other campers and staff.
- Students who are sent home with COVID-19 symptoms will be required to test negative before returning.
- Families will work with Camp Director for return-to-camp clearance.

COVID-19 Closures: NHMU will follow the State of Utah, the Salt Lake County, and the University of Utah’s COVID-19 guidelines for camp closures.

- A camp cohort will go into quarantine if there is a positive case of COVID-19

Restrooms: NHMU is a public building. As such, we cannot close down or disallow our guests from using our restrooms. We do not have private restrooms for campers. We will work closely with our custodial staff to ensure spaces are kept clean on a regularly scheduled basis. In addition:

- Camp staff will coordinate with one another such that only 5 campers are allowed into a restroom at a time.
- Urgent restroom needs will always be accommodated.

Handwashing: Camp staff will develop regular routines and schedules to ensure frequent handwashing is done. Sinks with hand soap dispensers and paper towels are available in each lab space. Hand sanitizer stations are providing throughout the Museum. In addition, we will provide foot pump washing stations outside for use before and after snack and lunch times.

Isolation and Quarantine:

- Individual who have had a direct exposure to COVID-19 are asked to report and self-isolate.
- Shelli Campbell, Summer Camp Director, is the point of contact: scampbell@nhmu.utah.edu

Transfers: If you need to transfer your child out of one camp session and into a different camp session, you may do so until three weeks before the original camp date/time, **IF** there is a spot in the desired camp. Please register your child for the desired camp and then email the Camp Director at programs@nhmu.utah.edu. Let us know what camp you need to withdraw your child from. A refund, less a \$15 fee, will be credited to your credit card for the original camp. If a program does not reach its minimum enrollment, you will be notified at least two weeks before the starting date and your tuition will be fully refunded. Allow up to two weeks for refund.

Cancellation: If you need to cancel your child's camp registration, email the Camp Director at programs@nhmu.utah.edu as soon as possible. If we are able to fill your spot, you will receive a full refund, less a \$15 fee. If we are not able to fill your spot, we will refund 75% of your registration fee.

COVID-19 Related Refund Policy: If NHMU needs to cancel a program due to a COVID-19 exposure, potential exposure and/or for contact tracing reasons, program participants will receive a pro-rated refund. For example, if a camp session is cancelled due to a direct COVID-19 exposure on Tuesday, participants will be refunded for Wednesday and Thursday.

Please note that if your child is registered in two back to back camp weeks, and positive COVID-19 exposure is verified and occurs in the first week, your child will not be allowed to attend camp the following week and you will receive a full refund for this second week.

If camps are cancelled due to federal, state and/or local health measures regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, full refunds will be issued, less 10% in processing and administrative fees.