

**The Natural History Museum of Utah**  
**COVID-19 Protocol and Sick Policy Agreement – Summer Camp 2021**  
**Updated May 24, 2021**

The health and safety of our program participants and staff is our top priority. The Natural History Museum of Utah has taken, and will continue to take, numerous precautions to ensure the Museum is as clean, safe, and enjoyable as possible.

Utah's new law, [HB 1007](#), prohibits a face covering requirement in higher education and in the public education systems. The University of Utah — our parent institution — has rescinded the mask mandate on campus. As a University of Utah facility, face coverings will no longer be required at the Museum starting May 24, 2021.

This summer, our summer camp program will only be serving a population that is under 12 years of age, an audience that is currently unable to get a COVID-19 vaccine. The scientific data proves that wearing a face covering is an effective method to minimize the spread of COVID-19 for unvaccinated individuals, and thus effective in protecting the community. As such, we encourage our participants and camp staff to wear a face covering. Regardless of what someone chooses (mask or no mask), the Natural History Museum of Utah's Summer Camp Program will continue to foster a sense of community and asks everyone to be respectful of individual decisions on mask wearing.

**Health & Readiness for Camp:** *Parents are required to check their child's health prior to bringing them to camp each day.* Campers who have any of the following symptoms should NOT be brought to camp:

- A fever of 100.4 or above (anytime within the last 24 hours)
- 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

When arriving at camp, staff and participants will:

- be asked questions about possible COVID-19 symptoms,
- be asked about contact with others who have been diagnose with, tested for, or quarantined as a result of COVID-19.

Furthermore,

- If any camper exhibits COVID-19 symptoms while at camp, NHMU will follow the University of Utah's COVID-19 guidelines for summer camp programs:
  - Parents of campers displaying COVID-19 symptoms must pick-up the camper within 30 minutes of notification to minimize exposure to other campers and staff.
  - Campers who are sent home with COVID-19 symptoms will be encouraged to have a COVID-19 test.
  - If COVID test result is negative AND they have an alternative diagnosis from a physician or advanced practitioner, they may return to camp.
  - If the camper did not get tested OR has a negative result without alternative diagnosis, they may not come back to camp for at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved.

**Expectations of Participant:**

I will follow all COVID-19 protocols, including:

- following proper hand hygiene and sick etiquette,
- maintaining physical distance, and
- notifying a staff member if I start to feel ill while at camp.

While not required, we do recommend face masks since our camp audience is under 12 and therefore will not have been vaccinated.

What are the consequences if I do not follow the rules and policies of the program?

- If COVID-19 safety procedures are not followed a warning will be given. If a second warning is needed, communication to parents will occur. If a third warning is required, the individual will be sent home.

The following may result in being dismissed from the program:

- Participants who refuse to follow COVID-19 safety procedures will not be allowed to participate in the program.
- Refunds will not be provided to those who refuse to abide by our COVID-19 safety procedures.

To request an accommodation: The University endeavors to provide reasonable accommodations and to ensure equal access to qualified persons with disabilities through the Office of Equal Opportunity. You may contact them with requests at 801-581-8365 or [oeo@utah.edu](mailto:oeo@utah.edu).

**Cancellation Policy:** If you need to cancel your child's camp registration, email the Camp Director at [programs@nhmu.utah.edu](mailto: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 Withdrawal Policy:** If you need to withdraw from 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 participant gets sick or has 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.