2020-2021 COVID-19 Safety Protocols for In-Person Programs

We are so excited to welcome you back to Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium! Here’s what we’re doing to make sure that our in-person programs are a fun and safe experience for everyone.

Small Group Sizes
- Program spaces will be limited to 10 participants and 2 Museum Educators. For Scout programs, Leaders and Co-Leaders can also stay in the program space. Larger groups will be split into multiple program spaces.

Maintaining Distance
- Tables and chairs will be set up to provide appropriate distancing.
- We will use targets on floors in the lobby to help maintain distancing.
- Restroom breaks will be staggered to limit the number of people in small bathroom spaces.
- We will help kids remember that we need to keep distance between each other.

Cleaning Spaces
- Tables, chairs, counters, and other high-touch surfaces will be sanitized before each program.
- Supplies (scissors, glue sticks, etc.) will be sanitized before use and will not be shared.

Face Covering/Handwashing
- All staff and visitors must wear masks covering the nose and mouth at all times when inside the building.
- We will help kids remember to wear masks properly.
- Kids are welcome to bring their own masks and we will also provide masks in case masks get lost or forgotten.
- Sinks are available in the classrooms for handwashing and there will be frequent breaks for handwashing.

Sign-In and Sign-Out
- Longway Planetarium educators will check participants in and out of programs to reduce contact with the sign-in sheet and pen.
- Please bring kids into the lobby and you will be directed to the classroom where your program will be held.
- An educator will sign-in participants and verify pick up time. Please let the educator know at this time if another parent or guardian will be picking up the participant.
- When the program has concluded, an educator will sign-out the participant when you arrive for pick up.

To help us provide a better and safer experience for our participants, please:
- Do not attend if you are not feeling well or are running a fever. Our participant cancellation policy has been suspended for in-person activities, so you will receive a refund.
- Provide an emergency contact number where someone can be reached in case the participant becomes ill during our program.
- We understand that asking kids to wear masks and maintain distance from each other is tough, but we need to adhere to state mandates and guidelines for providing a safe environment in order to present in-person programs. We’re expecting that there will be a lot of socializing as kids get back into the swing of being together, and we’re just as excited as they are! We appreciate your understanding as we welcome you back to Longway Planetarium.