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Health & Safety Plan

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This plan is subject to change based upon updated public health guidance from the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Should any camp policies be updated, all impacted parties will be notified.

Purpose

This document serves to communicate pertinent aspects of the Da Vinci Science Center’s COVID-19 Operations Plan to all Program Participants and their parents/guardians. Da Vinci Science Center is committed to safeguarding the health and safety of all individuals who interact with the Center, including, but not limited to program participants, staff, and volunteers. The Standard Operating Procedures contained within this document have been developed using guidance and recommendations from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as state and local officials and have been designed to coincide with the most up-to-date scientific evidence concerning best practices for preserving public health.

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Communication & Contacts

Importance of Communication

Communication will be the keystone of our Health & Safety Plans for the 2022 camp season. Da Vinci Science Center will communicate with each participant's guardian via email and/or phone using the information provided during registration. A confirmation email will be sent to all participants immediately upon completing registration. Please be sure to adjust email inbox filters to allow these messages to be delivered and read. Should you need to communicate with Da Vinci Science Center, please identify the most appropriate recipient below.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, Da Vinci Science Center will communicate all health and safety measures with parents/guardians. The full Health & Safety Plan (this document) can be accessed at any time online at DaVinciScienceCenter.org/Camps for future reference by any and all individuals. Additionally, staff and volunteers will communicate scientifically accurate, age-appropriate health and safety guidance with all participants in friendly, positive ways that promote our culture of inclusion, diversity, and understanding.

Science is the Solution, and we are all in this together.

Email Contact Information

General Camp questions can be sent to camps@davincisciencecenter.org

Questions related to the Health & Safety Plan can be sent to one of the following individuals:

[Lindsay Clinton](#)

Primary Point of Contact

Summer Camp Coordinator

[Rhonda Tomei](#)

Secondary Point of Contact

STEAM Education Manager

[Tyler Groft](#)

Director of Sales & Visitor Experience



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Room Plan

Program participants will utilize four (4) primary rooms:

- 2nd Floor Flex: Kindergarten – 1st Grade camps
- Lab A: 2nd Grade – 3rd Grade camps
- Lab B: 4th Grade – 5th Grade camps
- Lab C: 6th – 8th Grade camps

Outdoor Space Utilization

Outdoor spaces will be used whenever possible for each camp, based on the nature of the activity and comfort level of camp participants. Appropriate protection from the elements will be provided in the outdoor areas identified. Snack, lunch, and recess will take place outside, weather permitting. Specific outdoor areas will be identified for campers to ensure appropriate Cohorting (Small Groups) practices.

Indoor Space Utilization

Increased sanitization practices have been and will continue to be in place throughout the season. Areas of the building where queuing occurs will promote ample personal space. Outdoor ventilation will be maximized, and where applicable, windows/doors will be opened, weather permitting.

Supplies & Equipment

Shared resources will be minimized as much as possible throughout the camp season. Any reusable materials will be appropriately sanitized between each use (i.e. cryogenic material handling gloves, goggles, etc.).



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Staff & Volunteers

Suspected Exposure to Health Risk

Any staff member or volunteer who is sick, experiencing symptoms, or has tested positive is required to notify their supervisor/HR, stay home, and monitor their health. Da Vinci Science Center will notify all guardians and local health officials should a staff member or volunteer working with their camper receive a positive COVID-19 test, in accordance with all applicable laws.

Hand Hygiene & Respiratory Etiquette

All Da Vinci Science Center staff and volunteers are required to lead by example and practice good hand hygiene by washing their hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water and techniques identified by posted signage. Staff and volunteers are also expected to practice good respiratory etiquette, that is, all coughs, sneezes, etc. should be appropriately covered and used tissues immediately discarded.

Social Distancing

All staff and volunteers are encouraged to maintain at least 6 feet of personal space when interacting with one another and when setting up experiences/activities for all program participants. Any time 6 feet cannot be maintained, all staff and volunteers are required to take actions to minimize the risk of spreading germs, including but not limited to hand washing, using single-use materials, and utilizing personal protective equipment.

Face Coverings

Face masks will not be *required* to participate in camp programs. While masks are not required, they are not prohibited and can be worn by participants, volunteers, and educators if desired. Da Vinci Science Center will continue to supply high quality masks for any camper in need of a mask while attending camp.



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Program Participants

Suspected Exposure to Health Risk

Any program participant who is sick, experiencing symptoms, or has tested positive is required to stay home, and monitor their health. Should a Participant satisfy any of the criteria above, guardians are asked to contact one of the Science Center staff listed in the Health & Safety Plan Email Contact Information. Da Vinci Science Center will notify all guardians and local health officials if their participant may have been exposed to an individual that received a positive COVID-19 test, in accordance with all applicable laws.

Hand Hygiene & Respiratory Etiquette

Science Center staff and volunteers will coach participants to practice good hand hygiene by washing their hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water while following the techniques identified by posted signage. Staff and volunteers will also encourage good respiratory etiquette, that is, appropriately covering all coughs, sneezes, etc. and immediately discarding used tissues. Personal hygiene items (soap, hand sanitizer, tissues, etc.) will be available to participants in each assigned space and throughout the Science Center. Staff and volunteers will coach participants in a friendly, non-threatening way to instill a culture of good health habits.

Social Distancing

Program participants will be asked to maintain personal space when interacting with one another while engaging in experiences/activities. Any time appropriate distance cannot be maintained, staff and volunteers will take applicable actions to minimize the risk of spreading germs, including but not limited to facilitating hand washing and encouraging good respiratory etiquette.

Cohorting (Small Groups)

Program participants will be arranged by age-group. Each group will occupy specific assigned spaces to minimize the number of times a space is used by more than one group. Age groups will work alongside the same educator for the duration of their camp experience, whenever possible.

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