

Hitchcock Center for the Environment

COVID-19 Program Participant Guidelines (8-25-20)

Our programs are designed to be fun and engaging and above all **safe**. The COVID-19 program guidelines below are designed to help protect everyone as we meet the strict health and safety requirements of the CDC and our state. Please take the time to read the information below thoroughly. If you feel that you or your child(ren) cannot follow these guidelines, we ask that you wait until these restrictions have been lifted to join one of our programs or events.

- If a participant has had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of the program date, they cannot attend our programs.
- If a participant has had a fever above 100 degrees or exhibits one or more symptoms indicating the possibility of COVID-19 infection within 14 days of the program date, they cannot attend our programs.
- If the participant or a member of the participant's household has travelled out of state to a location that has a high infection rate within 14 days of a program date, they cannot attend our programs.
- Participants must complete a health-screening checklist, either verbally or written (in-person or online) each day they attend a program. This includes questions about any household contacts with COVID-19 positive individuals or symptoms (e.g., fever, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, or diarrhea) they might be experiencing.
- If a child becomes sick while attending a program, the parent or caregiver will be notified immediately and asked to arrange for the child's pick up as soon as possible. If the participant is an adult, they will be asked to go home and seek medical advice.
- Participants will be required to bring their own masks. If the participant does not have a mask, and it is a hardship to get one, please contact the Hitchcock Center so that we can make arrangements to provide one.
- Participants agree to use a mask when indoors at all times and, while outdoors, to use a mask when social distancing is not possible. While outside, we will endeavor to maintain 6 feet of social distancing at all times, and will use masks if that is not possible. If you don't believe that your child can successfully social distance and wear a mask for our program, please do not have them sign up for our program at this time.
- During our program we will not be sharing any equipment or having any games or activities that require touching each other. Participants agree that they will not handle other people's items, and will only use equipment that they bring themselves or that is provided to them by the Hitchcock Center. The Hitchcock Center will clean and disinfect all equipment between uses.
- If a participant or a member of the participant's household has been tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of attending a Hitchcock program, please contact Julie Johnson, Executive Director (Julie@hitchcockcenter.org) or Colleen Kelley, Education Director (colleen@hitchcockcenter.org).
- Participants will be asked to use hand sanitizer during times when hand-washing stations are not available and handwashing is advised. A Hitchcock Center staff member will provide hand sanitizer if the participant has not brought their own. Parents and caregivers of child participants are asked to give their child permission to use hand sanitizer when asked by a Hitchcock Center staff member.
- If you have a pre-existing health condition or are defined as an "at-risk" person by the CDC, we do not recommend you attend Hitchcock Center programs.
- All program participants are expected to bring their own snacks, food, water, sunblock, bug spray and proper attire including hats and footwear. The Hitchcock Center will not be providing any of these items to share. Our building is closed to the public other than for bathroom use. Our indoor water fountain and water bottle refill station are closed to the public at this time.

Thank you for taking these guidelines seriously.

We look forward to happier, healthier and more carefree times!!