

# Scouts & COVID-19

In light of the current situation regarding the coronavirus, we have implemented the following procedures, based on CDC guidelines, to help reduce potential exposure for scouts, their leaders, and staff. *(Updated August 2020)*

## What are we doing?

- Significantly reduced scout workshop sizes to allow for appropriate social distancing.
- Pre-workshop health screening for all scouts and adults attending. (See below)
- Social distancing practices will be maintained during workshops as much as possible.
- When possible, directional pathways for drop off/pick up will be used to help maintain social distancing.
- Increased sanitizing/cleaning in meeting rooms and public areas. Heavy use areas will be wiped down periodically during the day (door knobs, sink faucets, etc.).
- Soap and/or hand sanitizer will be available at all times in all classrooms and restrooms, and will be utilized as needed/appropriate.
- Everyone over the age of 2 will be required to wear a face mask while inside the main museum building and all outdoor public areas such as the Animals of the World exhibit and the Pioneer Village. Face masks will be optional while outside on hikes beyond the public areas around the SRC and main building when proper social distancing can be maintained.
- Supplies such as crayons and pencils will be single-use and cleaned after each use.
- Any live animal visitors and most specimens will be “look only.” Masks must be worn by everyone when animal visitors are outside their carriers.
- Disposable gloves may be used when appropriate.

## Health Screening

- Daily health screening will occur for everyone before entering the workshop room and may include a temperature check. Anyone with a temperature of 99.6 °F or higher will not be allowed to attend the workshop.
- Health screening questions will include asking all participants (scouts and adults) and staff if:
  - They have any COVID-19 symptoms such as difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, fever, chills, aches, new loss or change of smell or taste, etc.
  - They have recently had close contact with anyone who has tested positive for or has symptoms of COVID-19
  - If the answer is yes to either question, they will not be allowed to attend any museum program for at least 14 days from onset of symptoms or exposure.
- If we are notified that anyone tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of attending a museum program, all attendees will be notified of potential exposure.

## What can scouts, their families, and leaders do?

- Understand that we will do our best to limit potential exposure to COVID-19, but that we cannot guarantee that exposure will not occur.
- During drop off and pick up, please have everyone in your group over age 2 wear a face mask, follow directional signs and keep 6’ away from other families/groups.
- Honestly answer the health screening questions to the best of your knowledge.
- Please keep yourself and/or your scout home if they do not feel well or show signs of COVID-19, if your scout or immediate family/friends are in quarantine due to possible exposure to COVID-19, while awaiting coronavirus test results, or have had a positive coronavirus test result within 14 days prior to the workshop – even if asymptomatic.
- If you or your scout (or other family members that have come for drop-off, pick-up, etc.) tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of being at workshop, please notify us as soon as possible (please email Angela Baron at [abaron@heardmuseum.org](mailto:abaron@heardmuseum.org)).