

# PLAY, LAUGH AND LEARN SAFELY AT STEPPING STONES

The health and safety of our visitors and staff will always be our top priority.

We provide an enriching, stimulating environment where learning is fun and to be enjoyed by the entire family. We follow state and national guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Connecticut and Norwalk Departments of Health and the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood.

Although COVID restrictions were eased as of May 19 in Connecticut, masks still are required inside the museum for all visitors three years of age and older. Masks are not required outdoors or for children ages two and under.

## ENTERING AND EXITING

Parking is available in the regular lot located in front of the museum, and on a limited basis in the staff lot near the Celebration Courtyard.

After parking, guests should enter through the Celebration Courtyard doors clearly marked with signage and check in at the registration table.

**Before you enter, we require three things:**

- Anyone ages three or older needs to wear a mask while indoors.
- All visitors will have their temperatures checked upon entry. Any guest with a temperature above 100.4° (38° Celsius) will not be allowed to enter.
- Children will be required to use hand sanitizer upon entry.

Once inside, staff will be available to assist you and direct guests to the bathrooms. Visitors do not have to wear masks outside in the Celebration Courtyard but will need to put their masks on to enter the building to use the restroom, store party items in the Performance Gallery or to enjoy the Energy Lab exhibit.

**If you need a mask, just ask! We have extras on hand for busy families.**

Thank you for helping us provide a safe and healthy in-museum experience as we build toward reopening fully to the public this fall.

## SANITATION PROTOCOL

Here's what we're doing to keep you safe during your visit:

- A cleaning crew constantly disinfects surfaces and "high touch" areas, like door handles.
- Deep cleaning with oxychlorine disinfectant (a solution used in childcare centers, schools, and hospitals) takes place every night.
- Fresh, outside air is circulated continually in our building throughout the day.
- Masks that cover nose and mouth must be worn by visitors, ages 3+, inside the museum.
- Using CDC and CT Office of Early Childhood recommendations to guide our policies.

**Additional Resources:**

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)  
[CT State Department of Health](#)  
[CT Office of Early Childhood](#)

## What it means for Adults and Children...

### All People (vaccinated or unvaccinated)

- Need to **wear a mask when they are inside a school building** (pre-K-12) or childcare facility.
- Need to **wear a mask when they are inside a healthcare facility** (including doctors' offices, hospitals, emergency care settings, settings that provide physical/occupational therapy, and other patient care settings).
- Need to **wear a mask when they are inside an assisted living facility, a correctional facility, or other congregate living setting** (such as group homes and residential care homes, homeless and other shelters). Nursing homes must follow CMS requirements for mask use.
- Need to **wear a mask when they are at a transportation hub**, such as an airport, bus or train station, or **riding public or privately-hired transportation**, such as a train, bus, airplane, or ride-sharing services (such as Uber, Lyft, taxi).
- Need to **wear a mask if they are asked to do so in a public or private establishment**, if required by their employer in their workplace, or when organizers require masks at any event.

### THIS IS BECAUSE:

- These settings may be more likely to have people there who are **not able to be vaccinated** due to young age or a health condition.
- These settings may be more likely to have people there who are at a **higher risk for severe complications** if they become infected.
- These settings may make it more **difficult for people to keep their distance** and may include unvaccinated and infected people.
- The **owner's or operator's preference** may be to exercise caution in protecting health without needing to keep people appropriately distanced or needing to determine whether or not a person is vaccinated.

