

# 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) and the Connecticut and Norwalk Departments of Health.

To align with CT Governor Lamont's executive order regarding masks in schools and childcare settings, the museum is requiring that masks be worn in our facility by all adults and children ages 24 months and up, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are not required outdoors.

## ENTERING AND EXITING

Parking is available in the regular lot located in front of the museum.

After parking, guests should enter through the main entrance and purchase admission tickets at the Welcome Desk.

**Before you enter, we require one thing:**

- Anyone ages 24 months and up needs to wear a mask while indoors.

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 re-enter the building.

**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.

## 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 24 months and up, inside the museum.
- Using CDC and CT and Norwalk Departments of Health recommendations to guide our policies.

**Additional Resources:**

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[CT State Department of Health](#)

[CT Department of Health](#)

[Norwalk Department of Health](#)

## 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.

