GREAT EXPLORATIONS CHILDREN’S MUSEUM’S COVID-19 ACTION PLAN

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GREAT EXPLORATIONS STATEMENT REGARDING HEALTH & SAFETY:

Great Explorations Children’s Museum considers the well-being of our families, staff and community fundamental. Museum leadership has and will continue to follow CDC, Department of Health, Pinellas County Licensing Board and other health agency recommendations for best practices and protocols to minimize risks to visitors and staff. As a children’s museum, we recognize that how children play and learn in our hands-on environment differentiates us from other museums. We adhere to industry standards for museums, specifically children’s museums, as outlined by the Association of Children’s Museums. As we continue to monitor the situation and stay current with information from federal and local health departments we will keep the public and our stakeholders informed of any changes that impact the Museum.

Great Explorations will continue to monitor the CDC, Pinellas County Health Department, and the State guidelines for making decisions for the health and welfare of our guests, staff, and community. For more information please contact Chief Operations Officer Alan Kahle at akahle@greatex.org.

GREAT EXPLORATIONS REOPENING PLAN*

PHASE 1:

Preschool will reopen at reduced capacity on May 18, 2020. We will adhere to or exceed all requirements set forth by the Department of Health Pinellas County Licensing Board.

Summer Camp will open at reduced capacity on June 2, 2020. We will adhere to or exceed all requirements set forth by the Department of Health Pinellas County Licensing Board.

*All current and future plans for re-opening are subject to change and are in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations of national, state and local health authorities.
GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

CLEANING & SANITIZATION:

- The museum’s classrooms, exhibits, general areas and work areas will be thoroughly cleaned, sanitized and disinfected every evening by the museum’s professional janitorial team using products, including industrial foggers, that meet or exceed all OSHA and CDC guidelines related to COVID-19 and other pathogens.
- Surfaces and frequently handled materials will be cleaned continuously throughout the day.
- Items throughout the museum’s exhibits, classrooms, general spaces and work spaces have been assessed for potential exposure risk and items in question, including toys, props, costumes and other interactives, have been modified or removed to lessen the risk of spreading germs.
- Staff has undergone additional training related to the spread of COVID-19 and the measures we are taking to avoid it.

SCREENING:

- Staff, visitors and anyone else, including children, who is admitted into the building will undergo a health screening that includes questions and a touch-free temperature screening before they come into the building.
- We encourage staff and visitors to staying home if they don’t feel well.
- The museum reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone exhibiting COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms or with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

HYGIENE:

- Acrylic shields are placed between Staff and Visitors during screening and admission processes.
- Staff must wear masks when interacting with the public, such as during sign-in and sign-out and during rentals. Masks will be provided for staff.
- Visitors are encouraged to wear masks. The museum will have masks available.
- Frequent and correct handwashing is encouraged. Instructions for handwashing are prominently displayed.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is available to staff and visitors throughout the museum.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- The number of students, campers and staff allowed in our classrooms is consistent with the CDC guidelines.
- The number of people allowed in the museum allows for more than adequate distance between people and is consistent with the Governor’s guidelines for social distancing in public spaces.

The specific health and safety measures for individual programs operating during phase 1 can be found below.

PROGRAM PROTOCOLS

Preschool and Camp:

- **Check-in** will be located outside of the building
  - Preschool check-in will be staged under the lobby canopy. Camp check-in will be staged in front of our emergency exit hallway.
  - Two 6-ft folding tables with acrylic shields for screening and sign-in and out will be placed at each location.
♦ A rolling cart outfitted with temporary wash sinks will be available for children and staff to wash their hands before entering the building.  
♦ Parents will park their cars in the lot and walk their child to one of the marked spots on the sidewalk. When it is their turn the child will have their temperature checked and the parents will answer health screening questions. When approved for admission, the child will wash their hands, the parents will sign them in, and children will be escorted into the building by a member of the Early Explorations team.

- **Class ratios** are strictly adhered to in order to maintain the number of people allowed in a room (including staff).
- Surfaces, toys and other objects in the classrooms will be cleaned by teachers throughout the day.
- **Classrooms and all general spaces** will be cleaned by our professional janitorial crew as each night.
- Napping, mealtime and other activities will be designed to promote social distance.
- Each class/group will be in the same room each day and will not mix with other groups in that space or any other space at the Museum.
- The number of different people allowed in the building will be limited to those essential for operation of the program.
- Frequent and proper handwashing will be frequent.
- Personal items will be limited.
- **Pick-up** will be located outside of the building
  - Preschool check-out will be staged under the lobby canopy. **Camp check-out** will be staged in front of our emergency exit hallway.
  - A rolling cart outfitted with temporary wash sinks will be available for children and staff to wash their hands.
  - Parents will park their car in the lot and walk to one of the marked spots on the sidewalk. When it is their turn the child will be escorted to the parent and parents will sign the child out and walk back to their car.

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