Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Sanitizing & Disinfecting Procedures
The health and wellness of our visitors, members and staff are incredibly important to us. With the increasing awareness and information surrounding the Coronavirus, we want to assure you that we take every precaution to keep the museum as germ free as possible and a healthy environment. Our Facilities Department has implemented enhanced measures to protect you and your family.

Our staff is closely adhering to recommendations and guidelines set forth by the World Health Organization (WHO), Virginia Department of Health, and Lynchburg Virginia Website, as well as the Association of Children’s Museums (ACM).

Additional Cleaning Measures:
We’ve increased the intervals of the Museum’s already robust sanitizing and disinfecting efforts. In addition to daily deep cleanings, as well as focused cleanings for all exhibits, tunnels, and slides — *staff wipe down high-touch surfaces throughout the Museum with anti-bacterial cleaning supplies multiple times a day.*

**Soft Props:** Our staff has also reduced the number of soft props (costumes, fabric toys, pillows, and puppets) on the Museum floor. Remaining items will be washed daily, adhering to standard cleaning protocols. If you see a prop in need of cleaning, please hand it to one of our museum educators.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are sanitized and disinfected after school groups/group tours leave, as well as again at night after the museum closes, and spot cleaned multiple times daily.

**Hand Sanitizing Stations:** Hand sanitizer dispensers are posted throughout the Museum and additional stations have been added to each floor. We encourage guests to sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting the Museum as well as after playing at exhibits.
Safety Guidelines for Museum Visitors:
As is standard practice, Museum employees also continue to adhere to these guidelines.

- Stay home for your own safety and wellness, and that of all Museum visitors, if you or your child is experiencing a cough, fever, shortness of breath, or flu-like symptoms.

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Dispose of the tissue.

- Wash hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer before/after eating, when entering/exiting the Museum, after using the restroom, and after coughing/sneezing.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Maintain at least 3 feet of space between you and an ill person, or someone who is coughing and sneezing.

Additional Resources for Staying Informed:
- Lynchburg City Schools: Coronavirus Resources
- Lynchburg, VA : Coronavirus Resources
- NPR: A Guide: How to Prepare Your Home

Resources for Parents: How to Talk to Children
- VDH: Resources for residents
  - What Parents Need to Know
  - How to Talk to Kids
  - Health of Children
- NPR Just for Kids: A Comic Exploring the Coronavirus

Make Handwashing Fun
- Explaining the Importance of Handwashing: A Video & Fun Experiment
- Preparation: Best Handwashing Songs for Children

Thank you for helping us to maintain a clean, healthy and safe environment!