

# Welcome back

# BIRTHDAY PARTIES



**We are so excited to have you visit the Museum of Life and Science as a part of our birthday party program! Starting on August 15, we will begin hosting parties. We have evaluated and updated our birthday party program to make celebrations as safe as possible for everyone. Please read the following carefully to ensure that your visit will be fun and enjoyable!**

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE MUSEUM?

- The Museum has instituted new cleaning and sanitization procedures in accordance with guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.
- We have added new sanitization stations around campus and encourage you to wash your hands frequently during your visit.
- We replaced Museum restroom faucets and soap dispensers with touch-free models.
- We removed highly tactile indoor exhibit elements where achieving sanitation standards is not possible.
- All staff and volunteers will be wearing facemasks and are not allowed on-site if they have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above or if they are feeling ill.
- We installed plexiglass dividers behind each train seat.
- We upgraded all main building Museum air filters to high efficiency, Merv-11.
- For a full list of what is different at the Museum and what to expect when you visit, please visit [lifeandscience.org/museum-reopening-what-to-know#safety](https://lifeandscience.org/museum-reopening-what-to-know#safety)

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A BIRTHDAY PARTY PROGRAM?

- We've updated our birthday party procedures to increase the cleaning and sanitization of all high touch surfaces in the party room between groups.
- Materials and equipment used for deluxe programming themes will be cleaned and sanitized after every use.
- Birthday parties for August (and possibly later) will be held in larger rooms to provide additional space for physically-distanced programs and celebrations.
- Chairs and tables will be spaced a minimum of six feet apart for activities and programs and will be cleaned and sanitized between parties. We respectfully ask that you do not move tables and chairs for your safety.
- There will be physical-distancing, hand-washing, and face-covering reminders spaced throughout the party room.
- Face coverings are allowed to be removed while actively eating and drinking.
- Employees are not permitted to handle any food items or assist with close contact programs where physical distancing is not possible.



## WHAT TO EXPECT OF OUR VENDORS?

- Our exclusive vendors for pizza, cake, and other food items have all acknowledged and agree to abide by local health and government recommendations and restrictions as well as updated Museum policies.
- All vendors have completed trainings through Count On Me NC (a public health initiative developed by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, NC Restaurant & Lodging Association, NC State Extension, and Visit NC). These trainings focus on best practices and procedures recommended by local health officials for reopening businesses.
- All vendors on campus will be following the face-covering policy as required by law.



## WHAT DOES THE MUSEUM EXPECT OF BIRTHDAY PARTY GUESTS?

- **The state of North Carolina and Durham County now require visitors age five and up to wear masks at the Museum at all times, indoor and outdoor, unless actively eating and drinking.** To better protect the health and safety of all visitors and our team, the Museum will not allow exemptions or exceptions to this policy. We follow the science, and it tells us that face coverings are essential to keeping COVID-19 in check. Please help us keep everyone safe.
- We require guests to wear face coverings unless they are actively eating or drinking.
- While at the Museum, please wear your mask over your nose and mouth.
- If you, or anyone in your group, feels sick, has a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, please stay home.
- Please respect six-foot distancing between groups of guests and others while on campus. While in the party room, please keep six-foot distancing between people who are not in your family unit.
- Please be kind and respectful to others during your visit. New rules can be difficult to follow, especially for young children. That said, please try to cooperate with our rules to help make the reopening of the Museum and our birthday party program positive and enjoyable for everyone.



## WHERE DO WE ENTER FOR THE BIRTHDAY PARTY AND OUR ALL-DAY ADMISSION INTO THE MUSEUM?

- Admission to the Museum on the party date will coincide with the party times listed below:
  - Parties at 9:30AM will receive admission to the Museum after the party is complete.
  - Parties at 2:30PM will receive admission beginning at 12PM on the date of the party.
- All birthday party guests will enter the Museum through the middle doors of the main building. Please follow the signs for birthday parties!
- You will **NOT** need to reserve a timed ticket in advance of the party. Instead, please walk straight to our birthday party concierge in the main lobby and check-in with them at your correct entry time listed above.

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