



Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Sanitizing & Disinfecting Procedures

At Portland Children's Museum, the health, safety, and comfort of our visitors is our first priority. Maintaining a clean Museum is paramount to our daily operations.

In light of recent concerns surrounding the **coronavirus (COVID-19)**, 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 \(WHO\)](#), [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#), and [Multnomah County](#), as well as the [Association of Children's Museums \(ACM\)](#) and the [American Alliance of Museums \(AAM\)](#).

Additional Cleaning Measures:

We've increased the intervals of the Museum's already robust sanitizing and disinfecting efforts. In addition to nightly deep cleanings by a professional cleaning crew—as well as focused cleanings for studios and exhibits once a week by Facilities—*staff wipe down high-touch surfaces throughout the Museum with sanitizer multiple times a day.*

Soft Props: Our Props Technician has reduced the number of soft props (dolls, pillows, aprons, costumes, and fabric toys) 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 place it one of our "Extra Loved" Bins on the Museum floor.

Restrooms: Public restrooms are sanitized and disinfected at 1 pm, again at night by a professional cleaning crew, and spot cleaned multiple times daily.

Hand Sanitizing Stations: Hand sanitizer dispensers are posted throughout the Museum. We encourage guests to sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting the Museum.

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.
- Consider the seasonal flu shot.

Additional Resources for Staying Informed:

- Portland Public Schools: [Coronavirus Resources](#)
- Oregon Early Learning: [Coronavirus Resources](#)
- NPR: [A Guide: How to Prepare Your Home](#)

Resources for Parents: How to Talk to Children

- OHA: [Resources for Families & Schools](#) & [Fact Sheet](#)
- New York Times: [Questions on Many Parents' Minds](#)
 - [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 and safe environment!

