Summer 2021 In-Person Camper Mask-Wearing Policy

Pacific Science Center takes the safety and health of our campers and staff very seriously. Masks are required for all campers and staff from the time they arrive until the time they leave the location of any In-Person Camp location, with only limited exceptions detailed below. We understand that campers might find this challenging, so we have extensive measures in place to help mitigate any challenges with campers being able to wear their masks all the time.

Masks must be properly fitted and cover the mouth and nose at all times, and if reusable, must be cleaned regularly. Masks with valves or openings, handkerchiefs, gaiters and face shields in lieu of masks are not allowed.

Short Duration Exceptions. Campers may only remove their masks during water or meal breaks or outside while it can be guaranteed that they are at least 6 feet apart from others. As we are not able to ensure that anyone walking through public spaces will maintain distance from campers, masks must be worn by campers during camp hours when off-site from the camp location. All meals should take place in the classroom or in courtyards or designated outdoor spaces. Mini mask breaks can only take place in the courtyards or designated outdoor spaces and require that campers are socially distant at all times.

Additional Precautions. Per DOH guidelines, while campers are in the classroom spaces they will each have a dedicated table, chair, and cubby, spaced 6 feet apart from all other campers and educators. Our staff will wipe down all surfaces before and after each meal break, and custodial teams will be emptying trash/recycling/compost, vacuuming/sweeping floors, and sanitizing surfaces every night after campers go home.

Managing Mask-Wearing Challenges. If a camper refuses to properly wear their mask, Camps Staff will work through the following steps, and escalate to each step as needed, to make sure that all campers stay safe:

- Educators will ask the camper to put their mask on.
- Educators will see if there is another need that needs to be met first, in order for the camper to put their mask on.
  - Camper needs to rest
  - Camper needs food
  - Camper needs space
  - Camper needs to fidget
- Educators may call for an assistant if they need to spend more 1:1 time with the camper.
- Educators will let the camper know that if they don’t put the mask on, they will need to call the camper’s adult.
- Educator will call the camper’s adult to see if the adult can advise on strategies to get their camper to wear their mask.
- Camper will need to go to the isolation room and the parent will need to come pick the camper up. The camper will be allowed back to camp the next day.
- The next day, the educator will work through these steps again. If the parent is called for a second time, the camper will not be allowed back to camp as they are a safety risk to campers and staff.

This policy is subject to change at any time with no prior notice based on new guidance from the Washington State DOH or CDC or other evidence-based information.