



## **Armstrong Air & Space Museum Armstrong Explorers**

Under the orders currently in effect by the State of Ohio, the Armstrong Air & Space Museum is operating under the guidelines for Consumer, Retail, Services and Entertainment. It is our top priority to ensure the health and safety of our staff and visitors during this time, and we will follow these protocols and other best practices so as to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure in our community. The following plan outlines how AASM and its Armstrong Explorers program is operating under these guidelines.

### **Employees:**

- Employees shall take daily health assessments before reporting to the Museum. Those with positive symptoms are required to stay home and follow up with their supervisor and health professionals.
- Employees are required to wear face coverings when working at the museum.
- Employees at points of sale are wearing gloves and use hand sanitizer between transactions and wash with soap and water periodically.
- Disinfectant supplies and hand sanitizer will be available in each workspace.

### **Guests:**

- Visitors must wear face coverings or face shields while in the museum per State regulation. Exceptions include those with a medical condition or disability.
- Signage posted at entrance will inform visitors to not enter should they have COVID-19 symptoms and also explain expectations of their visit (hand sanitizing, distancing, etc.)
- Building capacity based on six-foot social distancing would be 75 people in our galleries. This information is posted at our entrance.
- Signage throughout museum reminds visitors of social distancing guidelines and indicate hand sanitizer locations.
- Hand sanitizer stations are positioned at the admissions and store points of sale, throughout the galleries and near high-touch exhibits. We also have extra stations to deploy as needed.
- A combination of floor markings and branded floor mats are used to indicate six-foot separations for queuing area in entrance and store, and at various locations in the galleries.
- The Astro Theater is unable to operate as a seated theater and is currently a walk-through experience with a loop of images from space.

### **Physical Spaces:**

- Plexiglas barriers are in the retail area for each point-of-sale location.
- Stanchions are utilized for queuing areas and roping off any exhibit areas.
- High contact areas will be cleaned throughout the day. These include Admissions and Store points of sale, entry door handles, interactive exhibits & push buttons, railings, and bathrooms.
- Daily cleaning will include employee entrance common area, and areas of frequent incidental contact in galleries.



- Museum store is reorganized to free up floor space to allow for distancing and provide for a clear path to bathrooms and museum exit.
- Sanitizer, bulk disinfectant cleaning solution, gloves, paper towels, soap and wipes will be kept in stock and ordered as needed.

**The following guidelines apply specifically to the operation of the Museum's Armstrong Explorers program only. They were developed from the relevant sections of Responsible RestartOhio's guidelines for Youth Day Camps (revised 7/28/20):**

- Classes will run biweekly for 12 weeks starting 16 February 2021 and end on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- In this timeframe there will be a Tuesday class (Grades 1-3) and Thursday class (Grades 4-6) from 4:30-5:30. Each class will run with 9 participants and an educator in our Neil Armstrong STEM Inspiration Center.
- There will be a class A and class B on each Tuesday and Thursday, so all will run biweekly during different weeks.
- Drop off location will be the museum's outdoor picnic pavilion. Each participant will have their temperature checked by museum personnel with their parent/guardian. If any individual has a fever of 100° F or higher, they may not enter the museum and will be asked to return home with their parent/guardian. They cannot return to the program until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
- Should inclement weather prevent the use of the pavilion for drop off, any alternative location or method will ensure all participants have been temperature checked before entering the Museum's public areas.
- Once participants have all checked in, they will enter the museum through the employee entrance so as to access the classroom directly without walking through our galleries.
- Museum educator will ensure that participants will wash their hands upon entering the classroom, as well as after breaks, prior to departure, and after returning to classroom from outdoors or from the galleries, should that be part of the class's activities.
- Participants must wear a face covering at all times during the class session.
- Participants will practice social distancing in the room and be seated for most activities. These seats will be assigned on the first day of participation.
- If participation requires moving about the room, participants will socially distance.
- Should the day's class involve going out into the museum galleries during operational hours, the class will be counted towards the museum's gallery capacity.



**Participant Authorization:**

Parents/guardians will be informed prior to confirmation that some risk may be involved for their child to participate in the Armstrong Explorers program. A signed copy of this plan will be attached to the previously signed application prior to joining the class. After reading this plan, all have the option to withdraw their child from this after-school program and receive a refund for the classes not attended.

**I have read and understand this plan for the Armstrong Air & Space Museum’s Armstrong Explorers program. I understand the importance of the social distancing, mask wearing and temperature checks that are necessary for this program to operate and will communicate that to my child(ren). My signature indicates that I am satisfied with the measures the Armstrong Air & Space Museum is taking to minimize risks of COVID-19 exposure to participants.**

**Name of participant(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

(Registration cannot be processed without a signature)