

COVID-19 Safety Policies

National STEM Academy, Museum of Aviation Foundation

In addition to the policies set forth in the Policies and Procedures Guide, the National STEM Academy (NSA) at the Museum of Aviation has implemented the following measures to mitigate the risks associated with the COVID-19 virus.

Museum of Aviation Foundation National STEM Academy Measures and Responsibilities:

- Follow the [Executive Orders](#) set forth by the Office of Governor Kemp.
- Follow the [Guidelines for Youth Programs](#) set forth by the CDC.
- Follow the [Illness Policy](#) set forth by the Houston County Board of Education.
- Follow the [COVID-19 Protocols](#) set forth by the Department of Defense (DoD) USAF/RAFB.

- Provide NSA staff with training in how to reduce risks of getting sick, recognize symptoms of COVID-19 and promote, monitor, and practice safe hygiene procedures around the Museum of Aviation and its classrooms.

- Provide a PPE Supply Station in education areas of the Eagle Building, Space & Innovation Center and Century of Flight Hangar buildings at the Museum of Aviation.
 - Face masks are mandatory, in alignment with DoD policy.
 - Provide staff with easy access to digital thermometers for routine temperature checks.
 - All NSA staff and students will have temperature checks daily for in-person education programs, upon arrival. A raised temperature will result in the NSA staff and/or student being further investigated and/or sent home.
 - Other contagious symptoms, such as but not limited to, a rash, vomiting, diarrhea or a sore throat, are also cause for further investigation and separation from the group. If an NSA participant shows symptoms of illness during the program, the participant shall be moved to a supervised quiet area, parent or emergency contact called, and provided the necessary attention until such time as pick-up arrangements are made with the parent or emergency contact.
 - NSA Staff and volunteers are not allowed at the Museum of Aviation with present contagious illness symptoms. Staff who have been exposed and/or in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will quarantine at home for the mandated number of days.
 - All NSA student drop-off and pick-up will be held outside in the National STEM Academy Loop. During inclement weather, drop-off and pick-up will be held in the lobby of the Century of Flight Hangar. Parents or non-participants will not be allowed in classroom areas, unless necessary.

- Provide hand-washing facilities and hand sanitizer gel near or in classroom areas.
- Enhance cleaning and disinfecting regimens in all education areas and facilities.
 - Classroom and restroom areas will be sanitized and disinfected daily, or as needed, by the Sanitation Team or NSA staff.
- NSA staff will wear face masks. Gloves will be worn as needed, based on distancing requirements and activity.
 - Provide masks for students if they arrive without appropriate mask protection.
- Design activities, lessons, and tours to incorporate safe practices.
 - Classrooms are arranged for appropriate physical distancing (at least six feet separation). Classroom capacities are carefully figured and posted based on square footage, movement, and furniture; and are updated as additional mandates are issued.
 - Students will be provided with their own materials; no sharing of items will be permitted.
 - Personal belongings will be kept separate from others and in labeled containers.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility:

- If your student has been sick with cold or flu-like symptoms within the past 48 hours, do not send your student to the National STEM Academy program.
- If your student has been exposed to COVID-19, Parent/Guardian must notify NSA staff as soon as possible and within 24 hours.
- Once National STEM Academy staff are alerted that a student tests positive for COVID-19 after a program has been held, NSA staff will follow Department of Public Health guidelines to appropriately notify those directly affected, within federal and state privacy laws.