



Communicable Disease Preparedness Plan

Due to the collaboration integral to our invention education programs, we have always taken great care in developing and maintaining the highest standards in health and safety practices. Our programs are led exclusively by certified educators who manage classrooms professionally, ensuring that we consistently provide a safe and healthy experience.

For the safety and hygiene of our participants, children are provided with hand sanitizer throughout our programs. Additionally, children wash their hands with antibacterial soap after each session, especially after using recyclables and before eating snacks and meals.

In addition to prioritizing health and safety at our in-person programs, we have also created at-home and hybrid solutions to provide children with unique, hands-on learning opportunities with or without internet access. These include Invention Project® K-6, an immersive curriculum for in-school, at-home and blended learning, local Camp Invention® At Home and national Camp Invention Connect™ programs that allow participants to experience our summer camp from anywhere, and Innovation Exploration Kits™ for independent fun and learning.

At the National Inventors Hall of Fame®, our culture and values are rooted in persistence and the courage to never give up. As a mission-based nonprofit, we are committed to delivering our program experience to children and encouraging them to overcome obstacles like the ones we now face.

We understand that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends social distancing measures to help prevent the spread of illness, and we have adjusted our in-person programs to comply with this important safety measure for the health of our participants, families and communities.

We also encourage Program Team Members and participants across all our programs to stay up to date with information about COVID-19 through state and local health departments and continue taking the everyday precautions recommended by the CDC:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, sleeve or elbow, throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are often touched.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and seek medical attention if necessary.
- If you suspect your child may have an illness, you should consult an expert and refrain from social activities until your child has been cleared for return.

Together, we will continue providing safe, healthy and fun learning environments for our children.