COVID-19 Safety Net

Summer 2022

We provide on-site summer programs with the expectation that parents and guardians will operate in a manner consistent with guidelines that make the safety of their children and our staff a priority. In response to the lifted New York State mask mandate, masking is optional at all DNA Learning Center locations. DNALC staff and visitors that prefer to wear masks should continue to do so. The DNALC has implemented the following procedures and precautions to provide a safe environment for our visitors.

DNALC Educators and staff working onsite will:

- follow social distancing guidelines where possible;
- practice good hand hygiene;
- be fully vaccinated.

Campers and parents/guardians attending Parent Participation Day events must:

- provide proof of being fully vaccinated, OR a negative COVID-19 test (taken by a medical professional) taken within 5 days of start of class (campers) or within 5 days of the Parent Participation Day event (parents);
- follow social distancing guidelines where possible and practice good hand hygiene;
- wear masks if:
  - they are from a location where the COVID-19 community level is high;
  - they are in day(s) 6 – 10 of quarantine or isolation*;
  - they have knowingly been exposed to COVID-19 in the previous 10 days.

Within the building, a number of precautions have been implemented:

- Signs are in place to assist with movement about the building.
- Students will be seated at lab benches socially distanced three feet apart.
- Close-up cameras are available for teacher demonstrations, so lab techniques will be easy to see.
- The building will be cleaned daily.

Parent Participation Day

We will resume in person Parent Participation Day events for the Fun with DNA, World of Enzymes, Green Genes and Forensic Detectives camps this year. Participation will be limited to ONE adult parent or guardian per camper, who will have to upload proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test from within 5 days of the event.
Drop-Off and Pick-Up

For student drop-off, please park curbside and remain in your car. On the first day of camp, a DNALC staff person will come to your car for student check in and to confirm that required documentation has been uploaded. For the rest of the week, children can disembark curbside and enter the building on their own. DNALC staff will be present every day. For student pick-up, please do not enter the building. Classes will exit through the main doorway and will be escorted to the sidewalk. Parents can wait on the front walkway, sidewalk or in their cars.

Sick Child Policy

If a child becomes sick, or has a temperature of 100.0 °F or above while at the DNALC, parents will be notified right away. Children who report that they are not feeling well will be quarantined in an isolation area until they are picked up. Parents will call the front desk upon arrival and the child will meet the parent outside.

Please notify us prior to attending camp if:

- your child tests positive for COVID while camp is in session;
- you know your child is scheduled to be here during days 6 – 10 of quarantine or isolation.

Please do not send your child to camp if:

- they are exposed and not fully vaccinated and boosted if eligible;
- they are in day 1-5 after testing COVID positive.

Please notify us after camp if:

- your child develops COVID-19 within 5 days after attending a camp. Remember to inform the contact tracer that your child was at the DNA Learning Center so we are notified.

If you are unsure of how to proceed, a link to the CDC’s Quarantine and Isolation tracker is below.

Cancellation Policy

If the DNALC has to close or cancel a camp, you will be notified right away. If a cancellation occurs before a camp has started, you will be offered the option of a full refund or to reschedule. In some cases, you may be able to choose an On-Demand option to complete labs at home with kits and pre-recorded video. Please note these exceptions to our normal cancellation policy only apply to a COVID-19-specific situation involving one or more students in a class or program.

COVID Acknowledgement

Visitors to the DNALC acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and the inherent risks of exposure, and voluntarily assume the risks of illness associated with exposure to COVID-19 by participating in on-site instruction. By choosing to participate in on-site instruction, visitors release the DNA Learning Center, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and its trustees, officers, employees, agents and contractors from all liability. The Laboratory reserves the right to terminate participation in on-site instruction at any time, in its sole discretion.

* If you are symptomatic or are COVID-19 positive, please refer to the CDC Quarantine and Isolation calculator (link below).