

COVID-Safe Practices and Protocols STEM Outreach Summer Camps Summer 2022

All STEM Outreach Center in-person summer camps will follow the [New Mexico Public Health Orders](#), [NMSU Now Plan](#), NMPED “[COVID-19 Response Toolkit for New Mexico Public Schools](#)”, and [NMAA](#) guidelines. This document outlines the COVID-Safe practices and protocols that all campers, instructors, and staff must follow to participate in the summer camps.

Masks/Face Coverings

- STEM programs will follow the current state public health order, NMSU policies, and NMPED COVID-19 Response Toolkit guidelines regarding the use of face coverings.
- Regardless of current policies and requirements, all participants are welcome to wear face coverings during camp activities.
- Face coverings should be worn properly, completely covering the nose and mouth.
- Campers should bring their own face coverings.
 - Disposable masks will be available for those who need or want them.

Social Distancing

- Camp spaces will be set up to maintain social distancing of at least 3 feet distance between participants.
- Camps will provide unique materials for each camper to use during the week (i.e., school supplies, art supplies, sports equipment).
 - If unique materials for each camper are not possible, shared materials will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.

Vaccinations

- All campers, instructors, and staff are highly encouraged to be fully vaccinated and receive boosters (when eligible) prior to the start of the camp.
 - NMSU students and employees are expected to follow all NMSU policies on vaccination and testing.
 - Non-NMSU affiliated campers, instructors, and staff are expected to follow the NMSU [Visitor Commitment \(Appendix A\)](#).
- At this time there is no requirement for campers to show proof of vaccination to attend camps.

Class Sizes and Cohorts

- Maximum camp capacity is 15 students per in-person camp session.
- At least two camp instructors or staff will be present at all times during camp activities.
- Campers may attend two (2) camp sessions per week (a full day of camp).
 - Campers who attend a full day of camp will be with different groups of students and instructors during their morning and afternoon sessions.

Transportation

- Participants must provide their own transportation to and from camps, with the following exceptions:
 - Gadsden Independent School District (GISD) will provide bussing for registered GISD students during the week of June 6-10.
 - Hatch Valley Public Schools (HVPS) will provide bussing for registered HVPS students during the week of June 13-17.
- Campers riding buses from GISD or HVPS:
 - Must pre-register to ride the bus.
 - Must follow all district safety guidelines while riding the bus.
 - Must be on time for their scheduled pick-up.
- Drop-off and pick-up locations and/or times will be staggered to limit contact between camper cohorts.
 - Specific information about each camp's drop-offs and pick-ups will be sent at least one (1) week before the camp starts.
 - Please follow the announced drop-off and pick-up schedule.
- Parents or guardians should remain in their vehicle when dropping off and picking up their camper.
- The STEM Outreach Center will provide transportation from NMSU's campus to off-campus locations for select camps.
 - Face coverings are highly recommended during group transportation.

Personal Hygiene

- Hand washing stations and/or hand sanitizer will be provided at all camps.
 - Campers should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content regularly, especially after using the restroom, before and after eating, before and after touching their mask, and after coughing or sneezing.
- At the beginning of camp, instructors or staff will instruct campers on the hygiene and safety protocols for camps.
- Signs will be posted around camp spaces with reminders of camp hygiene and safety protocols.
- All campers, instructors, and staff are strongly encouraged to follow the CDC's recommended guidelines on "How to Protect Yourself and Others" ([Appendix B](#)).

Camp Spaces

- Camps will be held in controlled and well-ventilated public spaces or outdoor facilities.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected at least daily (e.g., desks, door handles, equipment, etc.).
- Visitors (including nonparticipating family members) will not be permitted in the summer camp spaces.

Food

- In-person camps will include a daily snack.
 - All snacks will be pre-packaged.
 - Campers with special dietary needs may bring their own snack.
- Lunch will be offered to campers through the FYI administered Summer Food Program.
 - All lunches will be served in pre-packaged meals.
 - The Summer Food Program is not able to accommodate special dietary needs. Campers with special dietary needs may bring their own lunch.
- Drinking fountains and bottle fill stations will be available during camps.
 - Campers are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle.
- No food may be shared between campers during camps.
- While eating, all campers, instructors, and staff must stay at least 6 ft apart.

In the event of illness

- Campers, instructors, or staff who feel sick or have symptoms should stay home.
 - Please do contact the camp to let us know about any absences.
- Campers, instructors, or staff who become sick must be picked up or go home immediately.
 - For emergency situations, camp staff or instructors will call 911.
- If any camper, instructor, or staff test positive, the current program(s) will be temporarily relocated to allow for cleaning and disinfection of the affected camp spaces per CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>).
- Any camper, instructor, or staff who tests positive may return to later camps by following the CDC recommended timelines available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>.

APPENDIX A



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Visitor Commitment

Thank you for visiting New Mexico State University. NMSU shares a global concern with the impact that COVID-19 may have on its employees, customers, visitors, and suppliers who conduct on-site business. NMSU has taken reasonable, practicable measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, based on guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as local, state, and national authorities.

As one of our valued NMSU stakeholders, while visiting any of our NMSU facilities, please honor and respect the following NMSU Visitor Commitment:

- I will follow the guidance provided by my host department and follow current state and federal guidance for mask-wearing and all other health and safety measures.
- I will not enter or remain on any NMSU campus if I am experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or any illness.
- If I have reason to think that I have COVID-19 and have exposed others at NMSU, I will inform the Aggie Health & Wellness Center at (575) 646-7375 for contact tracing.

Per the recent State of NM Public Health Order, masks are optional indoors at all NMSU campuses and sites. Per the CDC, people with symptoms, a positive COVID-19 test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Anyone, may continue wearing a mask in any setting as added protection against COVID-19.

We strongly encourage all NMSU stakeholders to become fully vaccinated prior to visiting any of our NMSU locations. The effects of COVID-19 infection, especially among those who are not vaccinated, can include severe illness and even death. Although the vast majority of vaccinated people are protected from severe illness and death, they can still transmit the virus. Vaccination is our first and most important way of reducing the devastating health effects of COVID-19 and we request that everybody who can get vaccinated to please do so. It protects both you and our community.

Just as NMSU has taken steps to help protect the safety of its employees and other personnel, NMSU expects all visitors, including customers and suppliers and their employees, to take similar measures to protect our NMSU community.

Thank you for working with NMSU to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS | COVID-19 |

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



- COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19, especially severe illness and death.
- Vaccines are safe, effective, and free!

Wear a mask



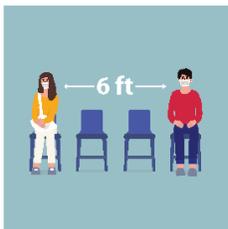
In indoor public places, people ages 2 and older should wear a mask if they are:

- Not fully vaccinated
- Fully vaccinated in an area with substantial or high transmission
- Fully vaccinated with weakened immune systems

In general, in outdoor settings, you do not need to wear a mask.

In areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

Stay 6 feet from others



Stay 6 feet apart from people who don't live in your household.

Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.

Keeping distance from others is especially important for people are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated places



Being in crowds like in restaurants, bars, fitness centers, or movie theaters puts you at higher risk for COVID-19.

Avoid indoor spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors as much as possible.

If indoors, bring in fresh air by opening windows and doors, if possible.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Test to prevent spread to others



- Over-the-counter self-tests can be used at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and produce rapid results.
- Consider using a self-test before joining indoor gatherings with others who are not in your household.

Wash your hands often

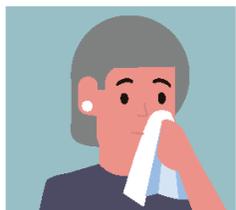


Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you have been in a public place.

If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Cover coughs and sneezes



Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Do not spit.

Throw used tissues in the trash.

Immediately wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Clean and disinfect



Clean high touch surfaces daily.

If someone is sick or has tested positive for COVID-19, disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

If surfaces are dirty, clean them using detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

Monitor your health daily



Be alert for symptoms.

Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

Take your temperature if symptoms develop.

If you have symptoms, especially if you've been around someone with COVID-19, get tested as soon as possible.

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