Keeping Yourself and Your Family Safe and Healthy at Long Island Children’s Museum

By Long Island Children’s Museum
I am going to Long Island Children’s Museum.
I am so excited to have a fun day!
People are wearing masks to protect their friends and family from a virus called COVID-19. The virus can spread to other people when you cough or sneeze and it might make them sick.
When I go to the Museum I will wear my mask. Everyone going to the Museum will be wearing a mask too! My mask will help me protect my friends and my family.
Sometimes the mask might feel a little uncomfortable, but it is important for me to keep the mask on and keep my hands off of my face.
When I go to the Museum I will wait on line and a staff person will take my temperature inside a tent and check our tickets. The staff person will use a thermometer with a tiny light on my forehead. It will not hurt and it will help to stay still.
When I go inside the Museum I will have to wait on line at the Yellow Ticket Booth so we can show the staff member our ticket.
Some of the staff will be behind a window, this will look differently than it usually does. But it will still be the same friendly Museum staff members as always!
When I go to the Museum I have to stay 6 feet from people I don’t know. I will stay with my adult. This is called safe physical distancing.
When I am at the Museum I might see hand sanitizer dispensers. I will use them to make sure my hands are clean. I will rub the hand sanitizer all over my hands.
When I have to cough or sneeze I will cover my mouth and nose with my elbow.
It is important to wash my hands for 20 seconds. I can sing the Happy Birthday song two times or count to 20 out loud. Hand washing can help to keep me safe.
When I visit the Museum the water fountains will be closed. But I can bring my own water bottle in case I get thirsty.
I will have to wait my turn to play in some exhibits because the Museum has to make sure everyone can safely physically distance in a space. Once it is my turn I can play in the exhibit!
When I walk around the Museum I will see arrows on the floors and walls. This is to make sure I walk in the right direction, so I do not get too close to another family. If I want to use the elevator I will have to wait my turn because only one family is allowed in the elevator at a time.
If I put a toy in my mouth by accident, I will tell my adult and we will put the toy in a “yucky bag” which can be found around the Museum.
When I am playing in the Museum I will see lots of staff using sprayers to clean the Museum to make sure we are all safe.
Some exhibits like Sandy Island and Climb-It will be closed for now. But I will be able to visit these exhibits when they re-open. There also might be some toys that are not in exhibits right now. I will play with them once they are back.
If I am feeling overwhelmed or anxious, I can go to the Sensory Room. I might have to wait my turn to use the Sensory Room because only one family is allowed in at a time.
If my adult says it is okay I can go in the Museum Store. I might have to wait my turn.
The next time I want to go to the Museum, I will wear my mask again. But it will be easier every time!
Information about more changes and tips on visiting the Museum are available at [www.licm.org/covid-19/](http://www.licm.org/covid-19/) or by downloading the free LICM4all app in the app store.