

## COVID-19 Safety Precautions for the Morehead in Motion: Earth and Beyond program

**The Morehead Planetarium & Science Center staff is dedicated to practicing the number one rule of science: safety.**

We are thrilled to launch Morehead in Motion's newest program, *Earth and Beyond*, during this unprecedented period!

This new reality affects all of us and it takes a collective effort to ensure we all feel safe in our environments. With this in mind, please read the following guidelines to help us navigate these new challenges.

The following regulations are **required** to ensure a safe and productive learning experience for your students and staff:

### **MPSC Staff will...**

- 1) Have a discussion, via phone and/or via email, with the teacher(s) whose classes will be participating. This discussion will clearly outline the safety regulations in this list, and culminate with an understanding and agreeance that they must be adhered by each person in the building, otherwise putting their school at the risk of an abrupt cancellation of the visit. Official acknowledgement of this understanding will be included with the teacher's/school's signature on the field trip request form(s).
- 2) Complete Morehead's symptoms check questionnaire prior to entry of program space.
- 3) Wear tight-fitting facemasks over nose **and** mouth at all times while on your campus
- 4) Use disposable and/or single-use materials in lieu of reusable materials. This helps eliminate touching common objects and surfaces during sessions, in-between sessions,

and from Morehead's visits to other schools. Students may be able to keep their own used supplies at the discretion of their teacher(s).

- 5) Plan student activities to be completed as individuals, not in pairs or groups.
- 6) Clean tables, chairs, and any reusable materials before and after sessions using EPA-approved disinfectants.
- 7) Wash hands before sessions, and use hand sanitizer >60% alcohol during sessions as necessary.
- 8) Maintain a minimum of 6 feet distance from students and staff as much as possible.
- 9) Not come to your building if feeling ill, and/or if knowingly aware of possible contact with an infected person at any point two weeks before the visit.
- 10) Not eat or drink in your building as much as possible.
- 11) Notify your school if the MPSC educator has tested positive for COVID-19 at any point two weeks after the visit.

### **Your staff will...**

- 1) Have a discussion, via phone and/or via email, with the MPSC educator prior to the visit. This discussion will clearly outline the safety regulations in this list, and culminate with an understanding and agreement that they must be adhered to by each person in the building, otherwise putting their school at the risk of an abrupt cancellation of the visit. Official acknowledgement of this understanding will be included with the teacher's/school's signature on the field trip request form(s).
- 2) Disinfect the space where the session will be held **before** the educator arrives. This primarily includes commonly touched surfaces such as tables, chairs, desks, doorknobs, and light switches.

- 3) Complete Morehead's symptoms check questionnaire or supply documentation that the school has already completed its symptoms check screening on the visit day and prior to entry of program space.
- 4) Wear tight-fitting facemasks over nose ***and*** mouth at all times while in their session with the Morehead educator. There are no exceptions to this policy, including not being able to wear masks for medical reasons. If, for whatever reason, a staff member cannot wear a mask, we ask that the school set up appropriate accommodations for another educator to proctor the session.
- 5) Wash hands before coming to the session, and help maintain clean hands and workspaces during and after sessions, including assisting in wiping down tables, safely disposing used materials, and using hand sanitizer >60% alcohol when necessary (e.g., after sneezing).
- 6) Help maintain social distancing, both from each other and from the Morehead educator. We ask that sessions be no more than 14 students, with the exception of classes that regularly meet and do not mix with other students (e.g., Ms. Smith's 7<sup>th</sup> grade science class has 20 students and does not comingle with any other students on campus). Students will be arranged with a maximum of 2 students per table, with 6 ft. distance required.
- 7) Secure an outdoor space that can accommodate a visit, including in poor weather (e.g., rain, extreme heat), and the ability to create social distancing between students and the MPSC educator. If activities are completed inside, the program space must include more than one window to increase ventilation throughout the room. The room must be larger than a traditional classroom to help increase distancing.
- 8) Not come to the session if feeling ill, and/or if knowingly aware of possible contact with an infected person at any point two weeks before the visit.

- 9) Not eat or drink in the space where the session is held.
- 10) Notify the MPSC educator if any person at your school, whether they were a part of the visit or not, has tested positive for COVID-19 at any point two weeks before **or** after the visit

### **Your students will...**

- 1) Complete Morehead's symptoms check questionnaire or supply documentation that the school has already completed its symptoms check screening on the visit day and prior to entry of program space.
- 2) Wear tight-fitting facemasks over nose **and** mouth at all times while in their session with the Morehead educator. There are no exceptions to this policy, including not being able to wear masks for medical reasons. If, for whatever reason, a student cannot wear a mask, we ask that the school set up appropriate accommodations for that student to participate virtually.
- 3) Wash hands before coming to the session.
- 4) Help maintain clean hands and workspaces during and after sessions, including assisting in wiping down tables, safely disposing used materials, and using hand sanitizer >60% alcohol when necessary (e.g., after sneezing).
- 5) Help maintain social distancing, both from each other and from the Morehead educator. Sessions should not exceed 14 students, with the exception of classes that regularly meet and do not mix with other students (e.g., Ms. Smith's 7<sup>th</sup> grade class has 20 students and does not mingle with any other students on campus). Students will be arranged with a maximum of 2 students per table, with 6 ft. distance required.
- 6) Not come to the session if feeling ill, and/or if knowingly aware of possible contact with an infected person at any point two weeks before the visit.

- 7) Not eat or drink in the space where the session is held.
- 8) Follow their school's/district's protocol in alerting proper school personnel if they contract COVID-19. This includes any student at the school, whether they were a part of the visit or not, who has tested positive for COVID-19 at any point two weeks before or after the visit. If this happens within two weeks before or after the MPSC visit, the school will notify the MPSC educator that their school has had an exposure.