

COVID-19 Response FAQs

What safety protocols or procedures will be in place at the Armory?

We are following the State of Michigan and CDC guidelines and will be regularly in contact with the District #10 Health Department to ensure compliance with best practices. We are also using the following as our resources: (we should have copies available if someone asks)

- Guidance for Cleaning & Disinfecting
- Coronavirus.Gov
- Health Department Business Toolkit

Our safety protocols include, but are not limited to:

- Students must be screened at-home. Families must monitor for symptoms and check students' temperature at home each morning. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater must stay home and consider coronavirus testing.
- People screened each day - Staff, volunteers, and youth entering the Armory will be screened using health questionnaires and their temperature will be taken prior to entry.
- Symptoms monitored/quarantined -- Any individual that shows or complains of symptoms or has a temperature 100.4 or greater will be escorted to a designated quarantine area to facilitate next steps guided by the District #10 Health Department. Parents will need to pick up their children when called. Any student or staff member sent home will be recommended for testing and will need to stay home until they have either tested negative or have been release from isolation according to CDC guidelines.
- **Face Masks will be required -- All students and all staff will be required to wear face masks in indoor spaces as required by CDC guidelines.**
- Social distancing - this will be achieved to the extent able by holding some activities outside and spreading students out for group activities while indoors.
- Meals/snacks will be individually wrapped with individually wrapped condiments and toppings such as lettuce and tomato for sandwiches.
- For indoor activities, the restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized every four hours.
- Hand sanitizing stations -- sanitizer -- will be available throughout the building. Students and staff will be encouraged to follow standard hygiene protocols by handwashing for 20 seconds and using hand sanitizers between activities and eating.
- Hydration - Hydration is very important with active students. Water bottles must be used by individuals and not shared. Drinking fountains will be disabled but a water filling station is available for use.
- Cleaning Protocols
 - Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized at least every 4 hours. We are using a combined cleaning/sanitizer.
 - Student games/balls/sports equipment will be cleaned and sanitized between uses by the students.
 - Any shared space learning areas will be cleaned and sanitized between groups.

Signage will be placed throughout outdoors and the facility to encourage students to follow the safety protocols - how to wash hands, wearing masks, etc.

If a student has an illness that is not COVID-19, like a cold, can the student attend Armory activities? Or wait until they are 72 hours fever free?

If the student is experiencing any COVID-19-related symptoms, they should not come to the Armory. They should contact their regular medical provider to be tested for COVID-19. If they test negative for COVID-19, then they can return after 24 hours without a fever.

Should all students get tested for COVID-19 prior to coming to the Armory?

No, the COVID-19 test only indicates the presence of the virus the moment the test is taken. Families must monitor for symptoms and check students' temperature at home each morning. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater must stay home and consider coronavirus testing.

If there is a confirmed COVID-19 case at the Armory, will the Armory close? How will parents be notified?

The Armory will closely follow the guidelines provided by the State of Michigan, District #10 Health Department, and the CDC with regard to COVID-19 exposure protocols. At this time, we understand the procedure is to notify families with students who may have spent more than 15 minutes less than 6 feet in close proximity to the youth or staff member so that they are able to monitor for symptoms and quarantine at home for 14 days. We will work directly with state and local authorities to determine if closure is necessary. The names of infected individuals will be protected information. We will notify parents/guardians via telephone and email.