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CHICAGO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IS THE FIRST MUSEUM IN CHICAGO TO REQUIRE PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR ENTRY INTO THE MUSEUM

Chicago, IL (December 23, 2021) — Chicago Children's Museum (CCM) announced new vaccine mandate addition to COVID-19 safety protocols put in place to protect visitors and employees from potential exposure. Following guidelines from the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois and the CDC all visitors over the age of 12 will now be required to show proof of vaccination prior to entry into the museum. Visitors 16 and older will have to provide identification with proof of vaccination. Children between the ages of 5 and 11 years old will have to provide proof of at least one vaccination shot at the time of entry to the museum. Guests and members 4 years and younger are not required to show proof of vaccinations.

In addition to these new safety protocols, CCM continues to ensure the safety of all visitors and employees by putting procedures in place that strive to make the museum a safe place for everyone to play by:

- Continuing to maintain extremely high cleaning standards to ensure cleanliness and safety throughout the museum.
- Requiring all CCM Staff to complete a health check before every shift, and will not work if they exhibit any COVID-like symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Requiring all guests two years and older to wear a cloth or disposable medical mask over their nose and mouth while in the museum, regardless of vaccination status, for the health and safety of all of the unvaccinated children in the museum.
- Improved air filtration with MERV-13 filters that increase the amount of outdoor fresh air circulating throughout the museum with the addition of ultraviolet air disinfection units in a number of high traffic and enclosed spaces
- Hand sanitizer dispensers and hand washing stations are located throughout each floor of the museum.
- Encouraging advanced ticket purchases and reservations to facilitate entry and manage capacity limits within the museum

- Flexible exchanges of tickets for anyone in a group who is sick or exhibiting COVID-like symptoms.

The new safety protocols will be in effect beginning Sunday, December 26. Please visit <https://www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org/playsafe> for more information on our requirements and guidelines concerning COVID-19 and entry into the museum.

About Chicago Children's Museum

The mission of Chicago Children's Museum (CCM) is to improve children's lives by creating a community where play and learning connect. CCM is dedicated to young children and the important adults in their lives. Play-filled experiences, including more than 15 interactive exhibits and daily programming, tap into how kids learn, and engage from ages 0-10 to develop the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. CCM aims to deliver at least one-third of its total annual attendance to low-income or underserved community members. For more information, please visit **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid..**

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