

My Visit to The Children's Museum of Indianapolis



Special Note

Your health and safety are our top priority, and our staff have been working hard to prepare to welcome you back! In collaboration with an advisory council of scientists, physicians, and public health officials, we have implemented new policies and procedures to support your family's ability to plan a safe visit. The museum's safety protocols continue to evolve in light of the ongoing pandemic. Please check our website (www.childrensmuseum.org/procedures) before you visit for the most up to date COVID policies.

Most of our hands-on interactives have reopened. Some items that cannot be cleaned easily won't return yet; these include costumes, plush, microscopes, and scent pods. Full details are available on our website at childrensmuseum.org/procedures. Staff will be cleaning touchable surfaces regularly, but wipes will also be provided so that visitors may clean surfaces before and after use as desired; more than 100 hand sanitizer stations are also located throughout the building.

Finally, please note that *Dinosphere* is closed through March 2022 for the addition of new Jurassic and marine fossil experiences. Our Customer Service Center is happy to answer any questions you may have; please call (317) 334-4000 or e-mail customerservice@childrensmuseum.org.

I am going to **The Children's Museum of Indianapolis** today. I will know I am there when I see the dinosaurs!



There are lots of things to see and do at the museum. Some things may be a little different from the last time I was there. I can still learn new things and have fun! If I want to check what has changed, I can see a list of all changes here:

<https://www.childrensmuseum.org/page/4587>



Visitors will be required to wear masks

When we get to the museum, I will put my mask on before we go inside and remember to stay close to my own family or group.



I will walk above the street on the Skywalk to go inside the museum.



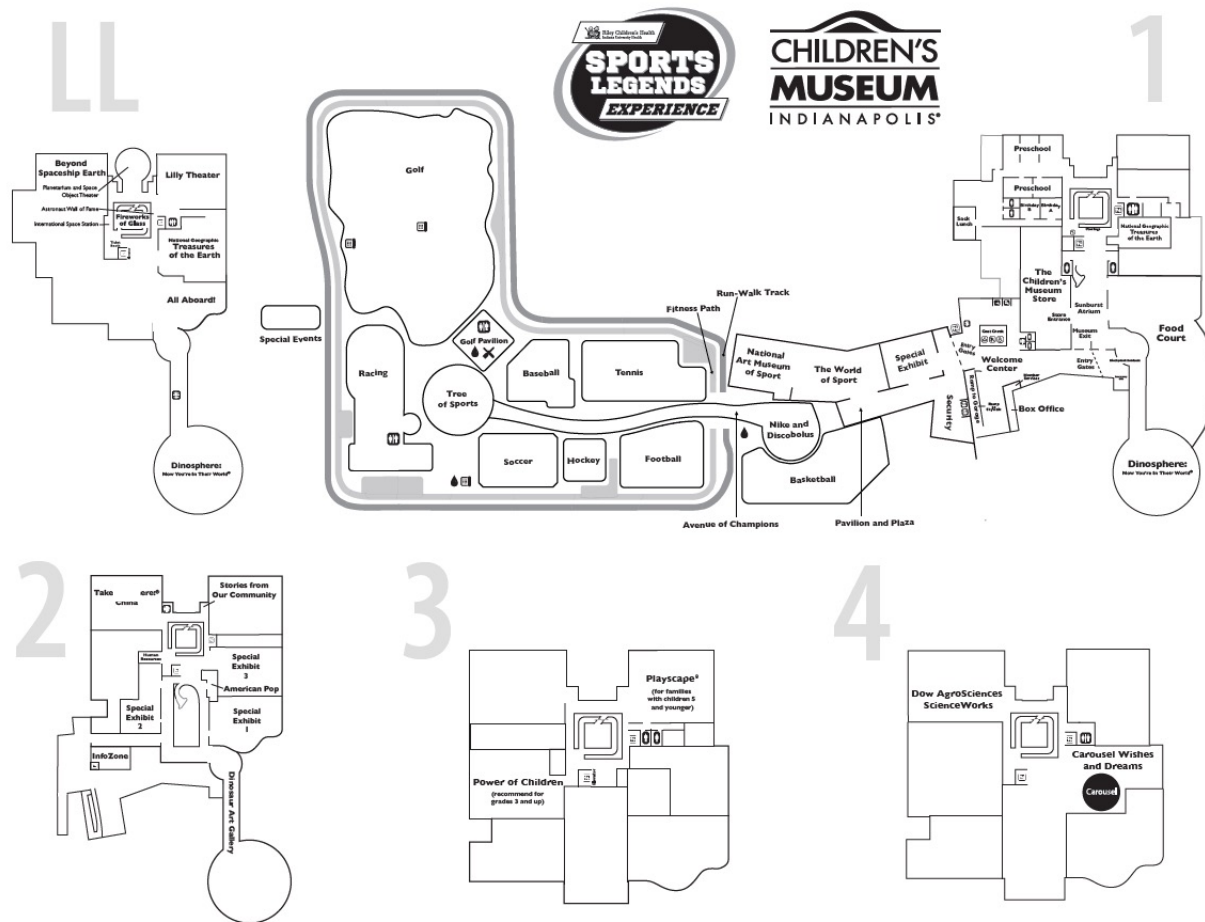
When I go inside, I will see a giant toy robot named Bumblebee. Sometimes it may rotate or talk.



I will see museum staff doing a lot of cleaning to help keep everyone safe.



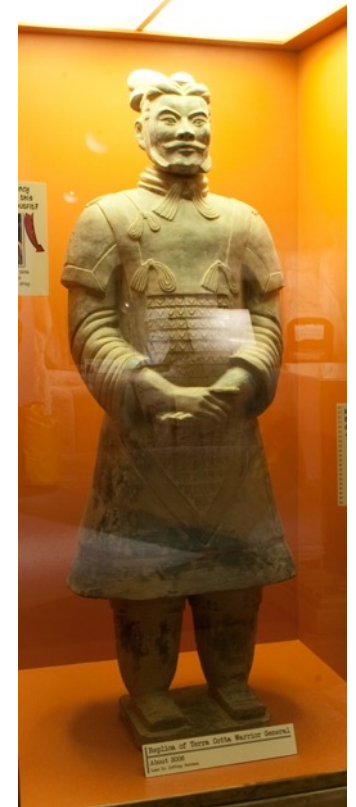
There are lots of exhibits in the museum. My family and I will decide which ones to see. We may not have time to see everything.



Museum staff wear name tags like this one. Many of them wear shirts that have the museum logo on them, but some wear costumes in the exhibits. They can tell me about the exhibits or help me if I get lost.



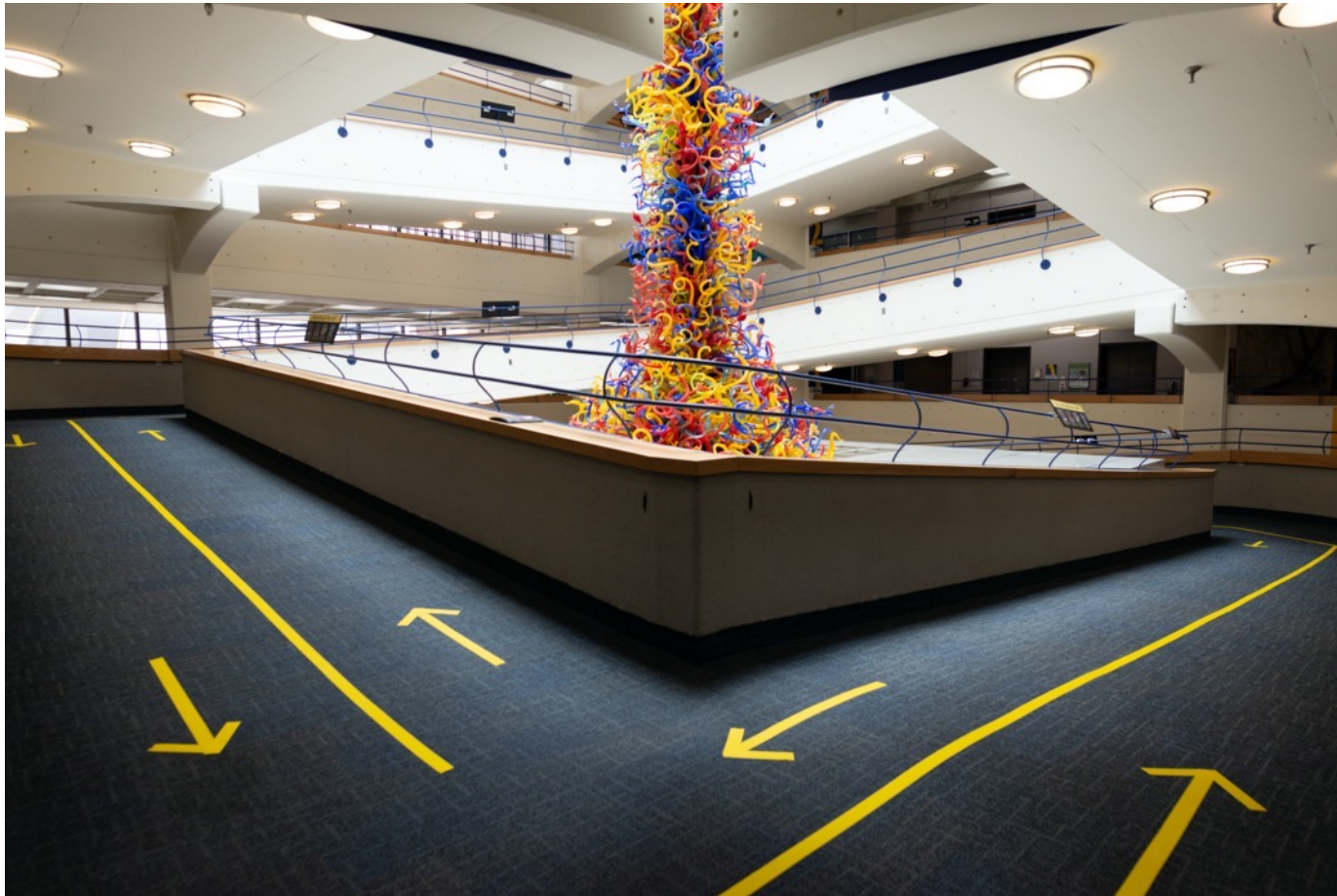
Museum staff and visitors also wear masks to keep each other safe! We will stay at least six feet apart from staff and other families while we are at the museum. (Fun fact: Six feet is about the height of a Terra Cotta Warrior!)



We will scan our tickets or membership card at the entry gates.



We can use the ramp to go between floors. There is a colorful glass sculpture in the middle. We will follow the arrows when we go up or down the ramp. We may also take the elevator, and we should take turns with other families.



Sometimes we might have to wait in line to go into a gallery. Markings on the floor will show us where to stand!



Maintain a safe distance

We can use hand sanitizer before and after doing an activity.



We can also use wipes to clean interactives and touchscreens before and after we use them.



DINOSPHERE will be closed until March 2022 so that the museum can add more dinosaurs! I can still see some dinosaurs around the museum while Dinosphere is closed.



In **ALL ABOARD** I can see a real train! There is a loud bell that rings during the sound and light show, which starts every 30 minutes beginning at 10:00 AM. I may hear construction sounds coming from *Dinosphere* nearby.



In **TREASURES OF THE EARTH I** I can visit an Egyptian tomb, a shipwreck, and an army of Terra Cotta Warriors. The tomb is a darker space, and I will hear music playing. I may see flashing lights during the sound and light show.



In **FIREWORKS OF GLASS** I can see colorful glass sculptures and and look for special pieces in the ceiling.
This can be a quiet space on less busy days.



In **BEYOND SPACESHIP EARTH** I can play games and look at objects to learn about being an astronaut on the International Space Station. This is a smaller space with lots of colors and patterns, and we may have to wait our turn to go in.



I can see a show in the **SPACE OBJECT THEATER**. A staff member might show me where to sit. When the show starts it will be dark so that everyone can see the video on the dome. The show is loud and the seats might rumble.



We can also visit **AMERICAN POP** where I will see comic books, movie costumes, and vintage toys. I can create my own superhero! I will hear lots of sounds from movies and music.



In **BARBIE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING** I can try out lots of careers! I will also see many different Barbie dolls. This is a loud space and I will hear bees buzzing near the beekeeper activity, but there are no real bees.



In **TAKE ME THERE: GREECE I** can learn Greek words, care for pretend sea turtles, and try musical instruments. The lights in the gallery will change color and brightness so we can pretend it is daytime or nighttime.



In **STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY I** can see paintings and watch videos from the artists who made the Black Lives Matter mural. This can be a quiet space, but I will hear interviews playing from a monitor and tablets.



The **BIG, BAD, AND BIZARRE** art gallery will be closed for construction, but I can still see what a *T. rex* might have looked like with feathers!



In **PLAYSCAPE** I can play at the water table. There are blocks to use for building, and a place to make art. This exhibit may smell like a swimming pool from the product used to keep the water table water clean.



We might visit **THE POWER OF CHILDREN**. I will hear stories about children who were brave. There are voice recordings playing throughout. Times for sound and light shows are listed outside of each program space. These shows can be loud and they include lighting effects.



There is a real **CAROUSEL** that I can ride. I will wait in line until it is my turn. This space will be loud when the carousel music plays.



In **SCIENCEWORKS**, I can see animals in a pond, explore a cave, and learn about different kinds of scientists. This exhibit may smell like a swimming pool from the product used to keep the water table water clean.



I can see the **MINI MASTERPIECES**. I can look into the miniature rooms, learn how miniatures are made, and create my own design on a touchscreen.



Mini Masterpieces has moved to Level 4

In **BASEBALL BOUNDARY BREAKERS** I can practice baseball skills like pitching and jumping as high as I can! This is a loud space where I will hear lots of different sounds at the same time.



In **WORLD OF SPORT** I will hear sounds from lots of sports at the same time. I can try out equipment from sports like hockey and gymnastics.



In the **NATIONAL ART MUSEUM OF SPORT** I can look at artwork. This is a quieter space, but I may hear sound from the next gallery, and music playing.



On nice days I can play outside in **RILEY SPORTS LEGENDS EXPERIENCE**. I can try out lots of different sports, race in the pedal cars, or run on the fitness path.



On busy days in **RILEY SPORTS LEGENDS EXPERIENCE**, I may have to be patient and wait in line, or take turns using the sports equipment. We will clean our equipment before and after we play.



If we get hungry, we might eat in the **FOOD COURT**.
I might have to wait in line to get my food.



If we eat in the **FOOD COURT**, I can take my mask off at my table while I eat.



My family and I might visit the **MUSEUM STORE**. There are books and toys for visitors to buy.



At the end of my visit, I can wave goodbye to the dinosaurs. I had a great day at **The Children's Museum of Indianapolis!**



From all of us at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, we can't wait to see you again!

