

GSC Fall Class COVID-19 FAQs

We cannot wait to start a fall season of fun and engaging science at the Greensboro Science Center! And we have adopted changes that will make it a safe team effort with our camp families.

In light of the COVID-19 virus, the GSC wanted to take time to inform families of the steps we are taking and what to expect from Fall Science Classes in 2021. Please understand that the situation is very fluid and can change quickly. We base our decisions in the science data we see. We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility and we will do our best to provide the best possible class experience while increasing our safety measures as they relate to the COVID-19 virus.

How will social distancing be addressed in the classrooms?

Classes have been moved to larger rooms in order to properly social distance as much as possible. We will have masking tape on the floor in each classroom as visual reminders for our students and staff. Smaller class numbers allow us to space students 3-6 feet apart when seated and seat each robotics student at a dedicated laptop and table.

Are face coverings required at camp?

All GSC staff will wear face coverings. Students ages 5 years and up and adults attending the Nature Tots classes are required to wear face coverings. Please be sure to send your student ages 5 and up with a face covering each day of class.

How are staff being screened for the virus? What if a camper develops symptoms or gets sick at camp?

The health and safety of our staff and students is our top priority. Staff has a health check daily and campers will be asked to wash their hands at drop-off. We ask that staff and campers who are sick, or if someone in their household is sick, stay home. If your child becomes sick in class, we will call you immediately to pick him/her up. We take Kawasaki Syndrome symptoms in children seriously (which includes abdominal pain/stomach ache).

How will refunds work?

Our pre-COVID-19 cancellation policy was a processing fee of \$25, per participant per camp. This amount covers the processing fees charged by our online registration system, Active Network.

Since COVID-19 we have changed our policy to a processing fee of \$15, per participant per camp for cancellations. Refunds for cancellations will be issued (minus the processing fee), provided the GSC is notified at least 14 days in advance. Should the GSC cancel a class you are registered for, due to low enrollment or evolving public health concerns, you will receive a full refund.

How will camp cleanliness be maintained?

Cleanliness and sanitation are always top priorities at the GSC. We use antibacterial & antiviral solutions when cleaning. In light of the COVID-19 threat, we have increased the number of cleanings each space receives and how we use shared materials. We practice healthy hand hygiene behavior in class which includes that all staff and students wash hands or use hand sanitizer at the following times:

- Arrival to facility
- Before and after preparing demonstrations and experiments
- Before and after eating or handling food
- After using the restroom
- Before and after coming in contact with animals
- After playing outside
- After blowing noses, coughing, or sneezing or when in contact with body fluids

What are the teacher/camper ratios?

Our Robotics classes will have 6-8 students depending on ages and our general science classes will have 10-12 students depending on ages. Each class is led by a teacher and a volunteer; other staff may join a class for specific activities or programs.