



## COVID-19 Protocols for Student Field Trips

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Martha's Vineyard Museum (MVM) continues to adhere to all state and local laws and guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The health and safety of visitors, staff, board, volunteers, students and docents has remained the institution's top priority since the outbreak began.

Effective August 1, 2020, all visitors and returning residents entering Massachusetts must follow travel orders upon returning to the state. Unless you meet one of the exemptions included in the order, you must complete the Massachusetts Traveler Form prior to arrival and quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts. Failure to comply may result in a \$500 per day fine. The travel order and other information is available at [www.mass.gov/MATraveler](http://www.mass.gov/MATraveler).

Teachers, School Nurses, Principals and Heads of School should read the following protocols to ensure student compliance and confirm their understanding by email to [aducharme@mvmuseum.org](mailto:aducharme@mvmuseum.org). MVM has instituted the following to ensure the health and safety of students on campus field trips:

### 1. Occupancy

Student Field trips can occur at any time during museum hours and should be scheduled with Ann DuCharme [aducharme@mvmuseum.org](mailto:aducharme@mvmuseum.org). Based on [Reopening Massachusetts, Phase III, Step 2](#), (effective 3.1.21) we can safely accommodate 15 people in the classroom at a time. Accompanying adults will be limited to the teacher and support designated by the teacher.

If classes exceeding 15 want to come we will divide the class in half; one group will have a classroom experience while the other will be guided by an educator through the galleries and outdoor large objects hall to examine the exhibits relevant to their topic. Then, the groups will switch.

### 2. Face Coverings

Masks or other face coverings are required in all parts of the MVM campus for anyone four years of age or older. This includes the outdoor campus.

### 3. Social Distancing

Students coming into the building must follow the sticker designated pathways on the floor and keep at least six feet apart from others at all times. The classroom will be arranged to ensure 6 ft

distancing when students are working. Museum education staff will direct students' movement between the classroom and the galleries.

### **Cleaning**

Freshly washed cotton gloves will be used when handling artifacts and deposited in a separate bin after use. All MVM buildings are thoroughly cleaned every evening. High-touch areas like railings and doors are cleaned an additional two times during open hours. Hand sanitizing stations are set up across the campus for the students' use. The filters in the HVAC system have also been upgraded to MERV-13 to ensure the cleanest environment possible.

### **Student and Teachers**

Teachers need to schedule field trips at least 3 weeks in advance to occur on Tues, Weds or Thursday. Teachers need to provide students' contact tracing details upon arrival with the MVM Educator. This is in the unlikely event that contact tracing would ever need to occur.

No food or drink are allowed in the building. One restroom is open to students on the lower level.

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, MVM asks that students skip the field trip if any of the following apply to them or someone in their family or classroom:

- Had close contact in the past 14 days with an individual who either has tested positive for or is suspected to have COVID-19.
- Currently experiencing or have in the past 14 days experienced COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
- Have recently traveled from another state within the past 14 days.
- Have traveled to an area that is under a Level 2, 3, or 4 travel advisory by the U.S. State Department.

### **Visiting the Museum Outdoor Campus**

Teachers who would like to bring small student groups (up to 10 students) to just visit the campus grounds are welcome to. Self-directed activities could include exploring [The Rose Styron Garden](#), [The Sun Bird](#), [the Compass Rose](#), [Doherty Hall](#) and [a scavenger hunt](#), as well as sketching or writing.. These visits can occur at any time but we ask that you please email your plans to [aducharme@mvmuseum.org](mailto:aducharme@mvmuseum.org). Entry to the museum and bathrooms unfortunately will not be possible.

For additional information about planning your safe visit to MVM, please visit [www.mvmuseum.org/faq](http://www.mvmuseum.org/faq).