

In accordance with New York City mandate, Alley Pond Environmental Center requires all program participants and visitors aged 5 and older to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Proof of vaccination may include CDC Vaccination Card (or photo), NYC COVID Safe app, New York State Excelsior Pass, NYC Vaccination Record, or an official immunization record from outside NYC or the U.S. **Children:** Starting December 14, children ages 5 to 11 will be required to have proof of vaccination for the public indoor activities described further below. They must show they have received at least one dose of a vaccine. Read more details at [NYC.gov](https://www.nyc.gov).

Important Safety Guidelines: So that Alley Pond Environmental Center can safely remain open, we require that all visitors follow the safety guidelines. Alley Pond Environmental Center reserves the right to ask program participants and/or visitors who do not follow these guidelines to leave the premises.

By visiting Alley Pond Environmental Center, you agree to abide by these policies. Please make sure to plan ahead for your visit.

- **Face coverings are required for all visitors aged 2 and older** even if you are vaccinated. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a vaccinated adult. You will not be permitted inside Alley Pond Environmental Center without a face covering. Additionally, face coverings must be worn for the duration of your visit. CDC guidelines advise that face coverings should:
 - Reach above the nose, below the chin, and completely cover the mouth and nose
 - Fit snugly against the sides of the face
- As mandated, Alley Pond Environmental Center requires all guests aged:
 - **5 and older** to **show proof of vaccination** (at least 14 days after the first dose).
 - **18 and older** to **show proof of vaccination** (at least 14 days after the first dose) and **matching identification**.

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a vaccinated adult. Please note that admission into the building may take longer than expected as we check your proof of vaccination. We appreciate your patience.

- **Maintain physical distancing.** Keep at least three to six feet from others (about two arms' length) from others and from groups.
- Help prevent the spread of germs by **washing your hands often** with soap and water for at least twenty seconds and by not touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Hand sanitizer is also available at stations throughout the building.
- Please **stay home if you are feeling sick**.
- Please **cover your cough** while in Alley Pond Environmental Center.

Here's what else you need to know about how we are keeping you and our staff safe:

- The health and safety of all is our priority. Alley Pond Environmental Center is working to reduce risk by requiring everyone who enters the building to wear a face covering and maintain physical distancing. We have also established a more frequent cleaning routine that includes a building-wide cleaning schedule and installed hand-sanitizer stations throughout the building. Alley Pond Environmental Center will continue to monitor and abide by federal, state, and city guidelines to inform our operations.
- Visitor capacity is controlled and reduced in the building; access is not guaranteed.
- Alley Pond Environmental Center is ensuring that its ventilation systems are working properly.
- An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public space where people are present. We cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed to COVID-19 during your visit to Alley Pond Environmental Center. Those visiting Alley Pond Environmental Center do so at their own risk of such exposure.

We look forward to your visit and to keeping everyone safe while they visit with us. Thank you for your cooperation.