

Effective March 7, 2022, APEC's health, and safety protocols for those who wish to enter APEC are changing as per NYC mandates. The updated guidelines are as follows (Read more details at [NYC.gov](https://www.nyc.gov)):

- Proof of COVID vaccination is no longer required to enter APEC.
- Masks are optional for all visitors ages 5 & over.
- **Children ages 2-4** must still **wear masks inside the building**.
- **Parents/Chaperones** with children ages 2-4 years old are required to **wear masks when participating in a classroom educational program**.
- Masks are optional for outdoor programs.
- To ensure the continued health and safety for our guests, APEC will continue to disinfect and clean all classrooms, bathrooms, and high touch surfaces.
- APEC will also continue to improve air quality in all classrooms by utilizing air purifiers.
- Help prevent the spread of germs by **washing your hands often**. 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 establishing a 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.
- APEC Teachers and Staff teaching classroom programs for ages 2-4 years old will continue to wear masks.
- 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.

As we have for the past two years, we will continue to watch the evolution of this ever-changing pandemic and will be prepared to pivot as necessary. We look forward to your visit and to keeping everyone safe while they visit with us. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Please note: Exceptions may apply for certain programs, as needed.

