PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN

MEMO FROM THE CDC APRIL 2021:
“CDC recommends a layered approach to reduce exposures to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This approach includes using multiple mitigation strategies, including building ventilation, to reduce the spread of disease & lower the risk of exposure. In addition to ventilation improvements, the layered approach includes physical distancing, wearing face masks, & hand hygiene.”

AIR FLOW
CDC emphasizes the importance of significant circulation to reduce the presence of virus particles lingering in the air. Discovery Space continues to provide consistent ventilation. All exhibit floor guests will participate in a standard Covid-19 health screening upon admittance. Screenings include digital temperature reads of all guests, hand sanitation & reiteration of proper mask wearing over the nose & below the chin. We will continuously offer nitrile gloves, hand sanitizer, face masks for children & adults, & face shields if you are unable to medically wear a mask.

PERSONAL PROTECTION
Masks will be required to visit Discovery Space & The Rivet. Masks & gloves will be available to all guests that do not already have them. Face Shields will be distributed upon request. All Discovery Space team members will closely monitor mask compliance to continue safe operation. Refusal to wear a mask or follow safety policies will result in ejection from all related facilities.

SOCIAL DISTANCING
Discovery Space will mark each exhibit with a social distancing marker in the form of floor-labeled advisory, physical posters or verbal reminders from volunteers & staff. To prevent congestion, the exhibits are well-spaced to permit young visitors & their natural exploration while respecting a safe distance with other visitors.

CONTROL ARRIVALS
Please do not immediately enter the exhibit floor upon your arrival. We ask that all visitors wait in the main lobby of Discovery Space for a designated screener. Your party will be met at the blue-clothed “Check in” desk. A staff member will regulate attendance at all times. When planning a visit for the exhibit floor, guests must sign up for an arrival time at least 24 hours ahead of the event. We currently limit our building capacity to 20 guests per timeframe. Staff will continue spacing of patrons & mitigating the potential for crowds. Staff is permitted to physically count people entering & exiting to maintain accuracy in attendance permitted by Ferguson Township. Walk-ins will only be admitted if there is space. If you are attempting to reserve a visiting time online & it is less than 24 hours notice please contact Discovery Space via (814) 234.0200 where our front desk will assess attendance. If our numbers permit, we will honor your request and reserve your time frame.
VISITOR SCREENING POLICY
Every customer will be screened at the check-in table located next to our coat room upon arrival. Trained staff will communicate safety policies for Discovery Space & The Rivet- whichever is applicable at your time of entry. All customers will be screened for temperatures above 99.5 degrees. The trained professional will review if you are experiencing any related symptoms, & will ask if you or someone you have come in contact with has tested positive for Covid-19. Walk-in customers will be required to share their contact information once they are approved for admittance to the front desk.

If a guest or staff member reports Covid-19 symptoms in the two weeks following your scheduled visit, we will inform every customer & staff member that attended during and after that person’s arrival time. We will encourage everyone to engage in their own series of testing & contact tracing steps.

Please note: Any borderline fever customers, or visitors who may have come in contact with a positive Covid-19 case, may be turned away or asked to wait.

CLEANING POLICIES
Before and after exhibit floor sessions, all areas will be thoroughly cleaned. High touch surfaces such as doorknobs & bathrooms will be sanitized throughout the course of the event. Each staff member has access to clorox wipes for use throughout the business day. Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the exhibit hall. Staff is required to address any potential circumstance where a large clean up effort would need to occur.

PUBLIC MESSAGING
The marketing campaign for Discovery Space is focused on the safety steps & requirements laid out in this plan. Public transparency is an avenue to public trust. Additionally, signs with clear directions referencing Discovery Space rules, path directions, hand washing, & best practices for wearing masks will populate the exhibit floor & restrooms. Staff will be on site to enforce these directives & guide people safely through the exhibit floor. We missed our community during our 13 month-long closure. Our priority is to safely re-open to the public. Our goal is to work together to remain healthy moving forward.