



COVID-19 Health & Safety Policies

Our priority is to protect the health of Mote staff, volunteers, interns, and visitors against COVID-19 by drawing upon protocols from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Florida Department of Health (DOH) and hospitals, along with an infusion of Mote science and common sense. Please read below and email us at educate@mote.org should you have any questions.

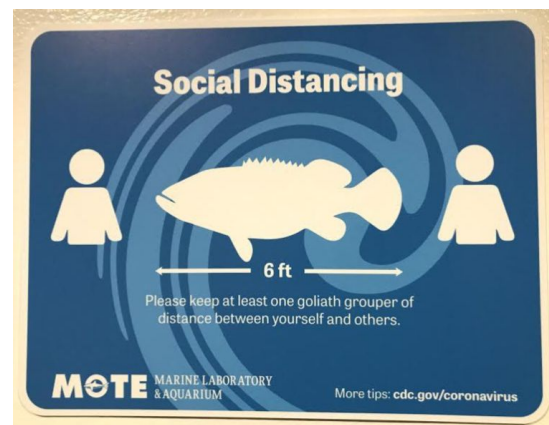
Safety Requirements for Admission - All Aquarium & Education Program Visitors



After extensive preparation to enhance health-safety measures, Mote Aquarium is open to the public and Mote Education is back! We know it's been challenging to live the garden eel lifestyle—staying in our “burrows.” We hope that visiting our spotless, spacious and supportive Aquarium and Education spaces provides a welcome break and energizes you to continue taking great care of yourself and each other.

Mote Aquarium staff, volunteers, and all guests over the age of 5 will be required to wear a CDC-recommended face covering. Disposable masks will be provided to those who don't have them already.

While visiting, we ask that you maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and other visitors that are not a part of your group. Signs located throughout the Aquarium and Marine Mammal Center will help remind you!



Visit mote.org/covid19 for the latest health and safety details and Mote's response to COVID-19.



HAVE GOOD, CLEAN FUN AT MOTE AQUARIUM

Heed the CDC while you "see-d-sea" at Mote!

mote.org/reopening

cdc.gov/covid19



Stay home if you're sick.



Go "touchless."

Guests must purchase tickets online in advance.

We're keeping doors open and touch exhibits closed to protect you.



Wear your mask.

Required for guests over age 5.

Forgot yours? We're happy to provide one!



Avoid gathering in groups larger than 10.

Stay at least 6 feet apart from those who aren't in your party.



Wash and sanitize your hands.

We have stations throughout the Aquarium to help you!



INFORMATION FOR HOMESCHOOL DAYS

- Mote staff or volunteers will meet Homeschool Day participants at the Whale Fountain in front of the Aquarium promptly at 9:55AM. Please make every effort to arrive on time.

- If you are sick, have a fever of 100.4 or higher, have any symptoms of COVID-19, have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for or are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test, please stay home. We will credit your account and you can use that credit to attend any future onsite or virtual Homeschool Day programs.

- Participants, including chaperones/guardians, will be required to wear masks at all times while in Mote buildings and while interacting with Mote staff (indoors or outside).

- All fall classes will be held outside with lower class sizes to accommodate social distancing. In the event of rain, we will hold class indoors in one of our larger indoor spaces. During indoor and outdoor programs, we will have designated tables and chairs, as well as marks on the floor as needed to maintain social distancing.

- For the health and safety of all participants, we ask that if you participate in our onsite Homeschool programs, you ensure your child abides by the rules designated in this document as well as those marked in the Aquarium and Education spaces. Those who cannot will be asked to leave the program and will not be granted a refund.

- If participants are unable to follow the guidelines listed here, as well as those throughout the Aquarium, we offer a monthly virtual At Home With Mote program with the same theme as that month's onsite program. Check out mote.org/educationonline or ask Miss Dana for more information.

Above policies are subject to change. Upon your arrival, our staff will alert you of any changes.