# Visiting the Children's Museum of Richmond

**Downtown Location** 





I am going to visit the Children's Museum of Richmond.
When I see the front entrance with the blue tent,
I will know that I am there.



We will walk through the two silver discs to get inside.

I will hear my voice echo and it might be loud.

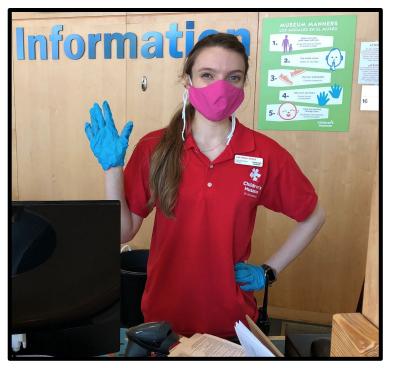
I can cover my ears or walk around the discs if it is too loud.



When I walk inside, I might have to wait in line while we check-in to the museum.

I can take some deep breaths and stand with my adult.

Now it's time to play!





I will see museum staff wearing shirts with the logo on it. If I get lost or have a question, they will be able to help me.





There are several BATHROOMS inside the museum. I can look for the bathroom sign or ask an adult for help finding it.



My family and I can explore the museum, play, and have fun! When I walk in, there will be a large space with a lot of fun things to do. I can choose any exhibit to play in.

Click here to see a complete list of the museum exhibits:

https://www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/exhibits/





LITTLE FARM is a play space for young children\* to explore.





I will see a big APPLE TREE.

I can pick apples from the holes and gather them in a basket to put in the hopper.





I will see DINOSAURS and can go inside the dark CAVE.



At the BRIGHT exhibit, I will see a lot of pretty colors and bright lights to play with.



I can explore the large TREEHOUSE.

There might be other children playing here, but I will try to take turns and be kind.



At WATERPLAY, I can learn about the water cycle.

I might get wet while playing, but it's okay because I know that it will dry.



In the ART STUDIO, I can create art.
It might be messy, but that's okay.
I can go to the sink to wash my hands when I am finished.



On the CAROUSEL, I can choose an animal to ride.

I will have to ask my adult to buy a ticket to ride.

The carousel will go around several times, I will hold on tight.

If I don't want to go alone, my adult can stand next to me.



In PLAYHOUSE there is a stage for me to perform and play on.





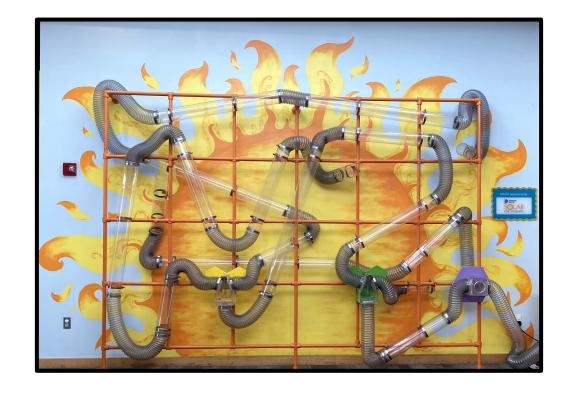


In the AMBULANCE AND HOSPITAL, I can play inside a real ambulance and pretend to visit the doctor's office. There might be other kids inside, but I can wait for my turn.



I can explore all of the places around TOWN SQUARE\*!

This area might be loud and busy, but I can do my best to share and be kind to others.



I can put scarves inside the SUN TUBES to watch them move and fly.



I might walk by the GIFT SHOP. I can look at the toys, but I won't touch them without permission.

I have to ask my adult about buying a toy or game.

It's okay if they do not buy anything from the gift shop.



When I am in the museum, it might get loud with all of the other kids playing around me.

If I feel overwhelmed, I can take a break in the lobby.

There I can use fidget toys, take deep breaths, or rest until I am ready to go back.



When I am ready to leave, I can leave through the front doors with my adult. I can wave goodbye to the museum.

I had such a fun time at the Children's Museum of Richmond.

I can't wait to come back!

#### **Adult Tip Sheet**

Quiet Spots In the Museum

"Grandis Hallway" can be found right off of the lobby near the bathrooms. There are 2 benches to sit and take a break. Lights can be dimmed with the switch on the wall. Ask a staff member If you need assistance

Snack Spots

Due to COVID-19 protocols, snacks and drinks are currently NOT allowed In the museum.

Sensory Backpacks

Ask the front desk to check-out a free backpack for the day. Inside you will find a variety of sensory tools (fidget toys, weighted vest, noise canceling headphones) to meet your child's needs.

Visit our Website

For resources or Information on accessibility and inclusivity, please visit: <a href="https://www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/accessibility-inclusivity/">https://www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/accessibility-inclusivity/</a>
To speak with a staff member, please call (804) 474-7000 or email education@childrensmuseumofrichmond.org.

Create a Plan with Visual Schedules

Pair this social story with our free, printable visual schedule, found on our website. You can work with your child to set a plan for your museum visit. For more Information, please visit:

https://www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/accessibility-inclusivity/

Carousel Rides

Rides cost \$2 and tickets can be purchased online or at the front desk. There Is an ADA Accessible seat, ask the attendant for assistance. Adults can stand for free with a child!

- What to Wear

  Museum play can sometimes be messy. Please wear clothing that you feel comfortable getting dirty/wet or plan accordingly!
- Additional Exhibit Information

  A full list of our exhibits with detailed descriptions can be found online at: https://www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/locations/downtown/
- Photograph Policy

Please be aware that with admission to the museum, you give permission for the museum to take photos and videos of you and your children for promotional, educational, advertising, or other reasons. Notify guest services If you do not consent to this policy. For more information, please visit:

https://www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/about/museum-policy/



#### MUSEUM MANNERS LOS MODALES EN EL MUSEO

1.

Make sure your adult stays with you.

Asegúrate que tu adulto se quede contigo.

2.

Use inside voices.

Habla en voz baja.



3.

Use your walking feet.

Camina despacio.

4.

Take turns and share.

Toma turnos y comparte.



5.

Have fun learning through play!

¡Diviértete aprendiendo mientras juegas!





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