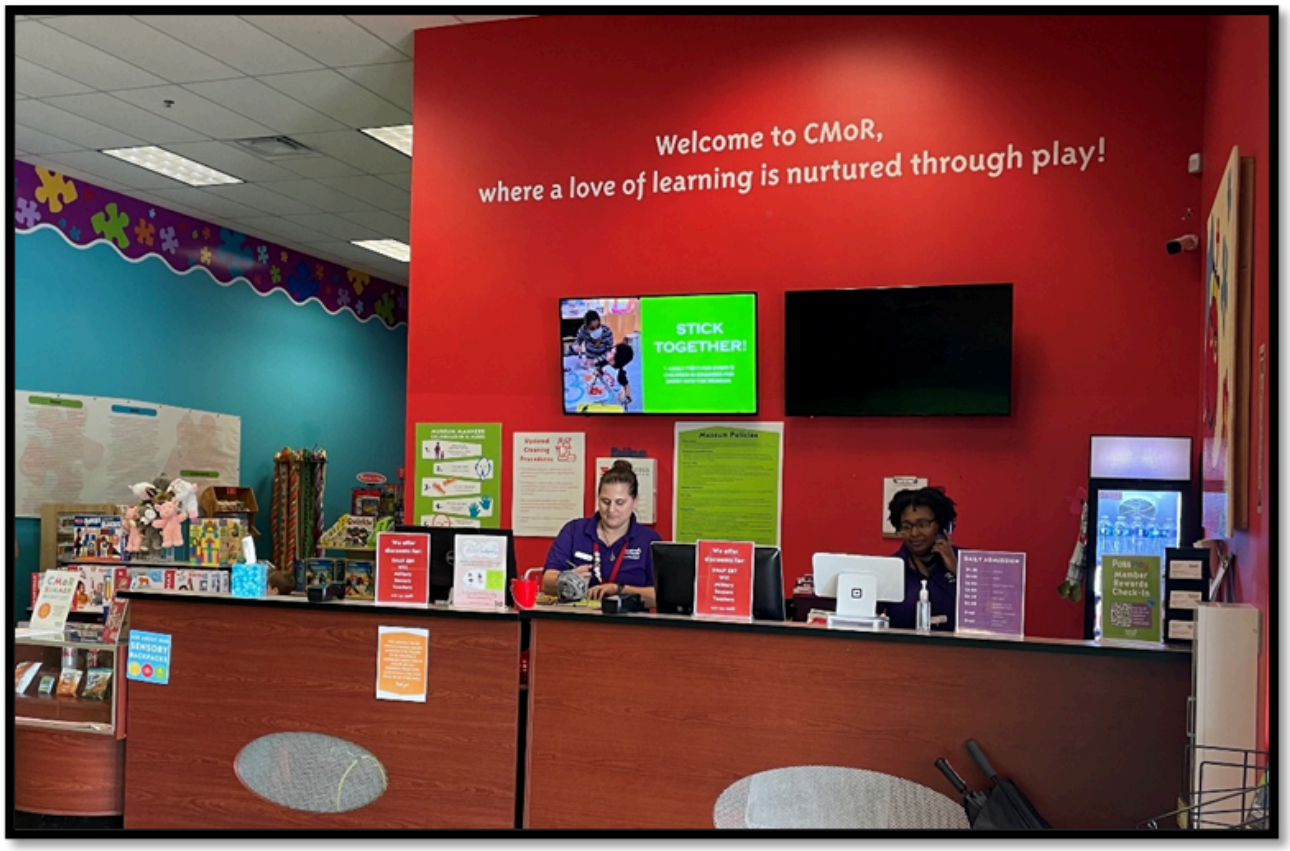
Visiting the Children's Museum of Richmond

Chesterfield Location

Children's Museum
OF RICHMOND



I am going to visit the Children's Museum in Chesterfield. When I see the huge sign with the red puzzle piece, I will know that I am there.



We will park in the large parking lot outside. When I walk inside, I will wait to check in at the front desk. I can take some deep breaths and stand next to my adult.

Then it will be 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.



I can ask the museum staff for a sensory backpack to use during my visit. Inside, there are fidget toys, a weighted vest, noise canceling headphones, sunglasses, a visor, and a communication card.

If I check out a sensory backpack, I will return it before leaving the museum so another kid can use it when they visit.







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/



At the TRANSPORTATION STATION, I will see a
firetruck, an ambulance, and large tires to climb on!
There might be other kids playing,
but I can wait for my turn.



*Places to explore: cafe, theater, grocery, bank, veterinarian clinic, construction zone, car repair shop

I can explore all 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 help by putting things back when I am done.



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



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





When I am in the museum, it might get loud with all the other kids playing around me. If I feel overwhelmed, I can go to the quiet room to take a break or ask an adult for help.
There I can sit quietly, take deep breaths, or rest until I am ready to play again.



In Harvest I can learn about farming, climb a tractor, and learn about the life cycle of soybeans. It might be loud, but I can borrow headphones from the front desk.



At WATER PLAY, I can play with water and learn how it moves around.

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



I can explore and slide in the OCEAN CLIMBER. There might be other children playing here, but I will try to take turns and be kind.



*for children 0-3

ENCHANTED FOREST is a space for babies* to explore.



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 ready to leave, I will walk 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 in Chesterfield. I can't wait to come back!

Adult Tip Sheet

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Quiet Room in the Museum

We have designated potential quiet zones throughout the museum. To note, the noise level of these zones is dependent on visitation and groups. You can view our quiet zone map on our website or ask a museum staff member for recommendations: www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/accessibility-inclusivity

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Sensory Backpacks

Ask the front desk to check-out a free sensory backpack for the duration of your visit. Inside, you will find a variety of sensory tools (fidget toys, weighted vest, noise canceling headphones, sunglasses, a visor, and a communication card) to meet your child's needs. Please return the backpack at the end of your visit.

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

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Carousel Rides

Rides cost $3 and tickets can be piurchased 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!

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Snack Spots

Snack spaces indoors and outdoors. Snacks are available for purchase at the front desk.

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What to Wear

Museum play can sometimes be messy. Please wear clothing that you feel comfortable getting dirty/wet or plan accordingly! In the summertime, our SplashMoR splash pad is open and bathing suits are encouraged. Shirts and shoes must be worn in all indoor exhibits.

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Additional Exhibit Information

A full list of our exhibits with detailed descriptions can be found online at: https://www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/plan-your-visit/exhibits/

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Photograph Policy

Please be aware that with admission to the museum, you give permission to the museum to take photos and videos of you and your children for promotional, educational, advertising, or other reasons. Notify the front desk staff if you do not consent to this policy. For more information, please visit: www.CMoRVA.org/about-us/museum-policy/

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Visit our Website

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

MUSEUM MANNERS
MODALES EN EL MUSEO

1. **Stay close to your child at all times–supervised play is the best kind of play!**

   Permanezca cerca de su hijo en todo momento–¡el juego supervisado es el mejor juego!



2. **Remind your child to use walking feet and indoor voices.**

   Recuerde a su hijo caminar en el museo y hablar en voz baja.



3. **Ensure your child keeps their shoes on (except when playing outside at SplashMoR).**

   Asegúrese de que su hijo mantenga sus zapatos puestos (excepto cuando juegue afuera en SplashMoR).



4. **Snacks are allowed in designated areas only–let's keep the exhibits clean and ready for play.**

   Se permiten meriendas únicamente en áreas designadas; mantengamos las exhibiciones limpias y listas para jugar.



5. **Encourage your child to share and take turns to keep play fun for everyone.**

   Anime a su hijo a compartir y a tomar turnos para que el juego sea divertido para todos.



Be an active participant–PLAY together, CONNECT, and CREATE special memories with your child!

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