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### **Exposition Park Museums Align in Mask Wearing Policy**

**California African American Museum, California Science Center, and Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County will continue to require masks regardless of vaccination status**

**Los Angeles (June 15, 2021)** — The museums of Exposition Park announced today that together they will continue to require visitors to wear masks indoors. The California African American Museum (CAAM), California Science Center, and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM) said that despite the County of Los Angeles' loosening of restrictions on wearing face coverings in public for those who are fully vaccinated, masks will still be required indoors for the safety of all their visitors, as Public Health guidelines stipulate that businesses can individually determine their own mask use policies.

A joint statement released by all three museums stated: "The health and safety of our visitors and staff remains our number one priority. While Los Angeles is moving closer to community immunity, we cannot forget our vulnerable populations, including our youngest visitors—those 11 and under—who are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine. It is important to us not only to help keep our community safe, but to help ensure that parents feel safe bringing their children to our museums. For this reason, we join together in continuing to require all visitors ages 2 and up — vaccinated or not — wear masks at all times when indoors."

Located west of Downtown, Exposition Park is a collection of world-class museums, educational and sports facilities, and entertainment venues that serve as an activity hub for the community. In addition to CAAM, the Science Center, and NHM, the 160-acre campus includes the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the Los Angeles Football Club Banc of California Stadium, and the City of Los Angeles Rose Garden.

**About the California African American Museum**

CAAM explores the art, history, and culture of African Americans, with an emphasis on California and the West. Chartered by the State of California in 1977, the Museum began formal operations in 1981 and is a state-supported agency and a Smithsonian Affiliate. In addition to presenting exhibitions and public programs, CAAM houses a permanent collection of more than four thousand works of art, artifacts, and historical documents, and a publicly accessible research library. Admission is free. [caamuseum.org](http://caamuseum.org)

**About the California Science Center**

The California Science Center is a dynamic destination where families, adults and children can explore the wonders of science through interactive exhibits, live demonstrations, innovative programs and awe-inspiring films. The California Science Center and IMAX Theater are located in historic Exposition Park just west of the Harbor (110) Freeway at 700 Exposition Park Drive, Los Angeles. The Science Center is open daily from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Parking is \$12, cash only. [californiasciencecenter.org](http://californiasciencecenter.org)

**About the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County**

The Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County (NHMLAC) include the Natural History Museum, La Brea Tar Pits, and the William S. Hart Museum. They operate under the collective vision to inspire wonder, discovery, and responsibility for our natural and cultural worlds. The museums hold one of the world's most extensive and valuable collections of natural and cultural history—more than 35 million objects. Using these collections for groundbreaking scientific and historic research, the museums also incorporate them into on- and offsite nature and culture exploration in L.A. neighborhoods, and a slate of community science programs—creating indoor-outdoor visitor experience that explore the past, present, and future. NHM is located at 900 Exposition Blvd and is open 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on days it is open to the public. [nhm.org](http://nhm.org)

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