The Gateway Science Museum is taking the handling and sanitation of our Lending Library materials very seriously. We are committed to ensuring the safety of the museum guests who want to check out the science kits and of our staff. Our protocols have been put in place to keep us all safe.

Each kit that will be available to the public will go through a series of steps based on recommendations from the World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, and updated scientific information. The science is fluid and ever changing as we grow to know more about the virus and how to combat the spread. We have staff dedicated to keeping up to date on the information as it comes available and we will apply the best scientific practices that we can.

All paper materials will be through a quarantine process before going out to the public. We have a specifically dedicated quarantine area that all printed materials will be held in. We limit the number of staff that will be handling the materials before and after quarantine. Both of the steps will help ensure any printed materials are safe for the public.

The interactive components and hands-on components of each kit will go through a sanitization process in a dedicated area. Each item will be washed and sanitized thoroughly. We use sanitizer approved for use through the California State University system. After they are sanitized, the interactive items will be held in a dedicated area before being put back into the kits.

The Gateway Science Museum wants our guests to have the best experience possible and these science kits are part of the experience. We all want to make sure that you stay safe and healthy. These scientifically based protocols were put in place to help all of stay safe.