

# My Visit to Greater Cleveland Aquarium

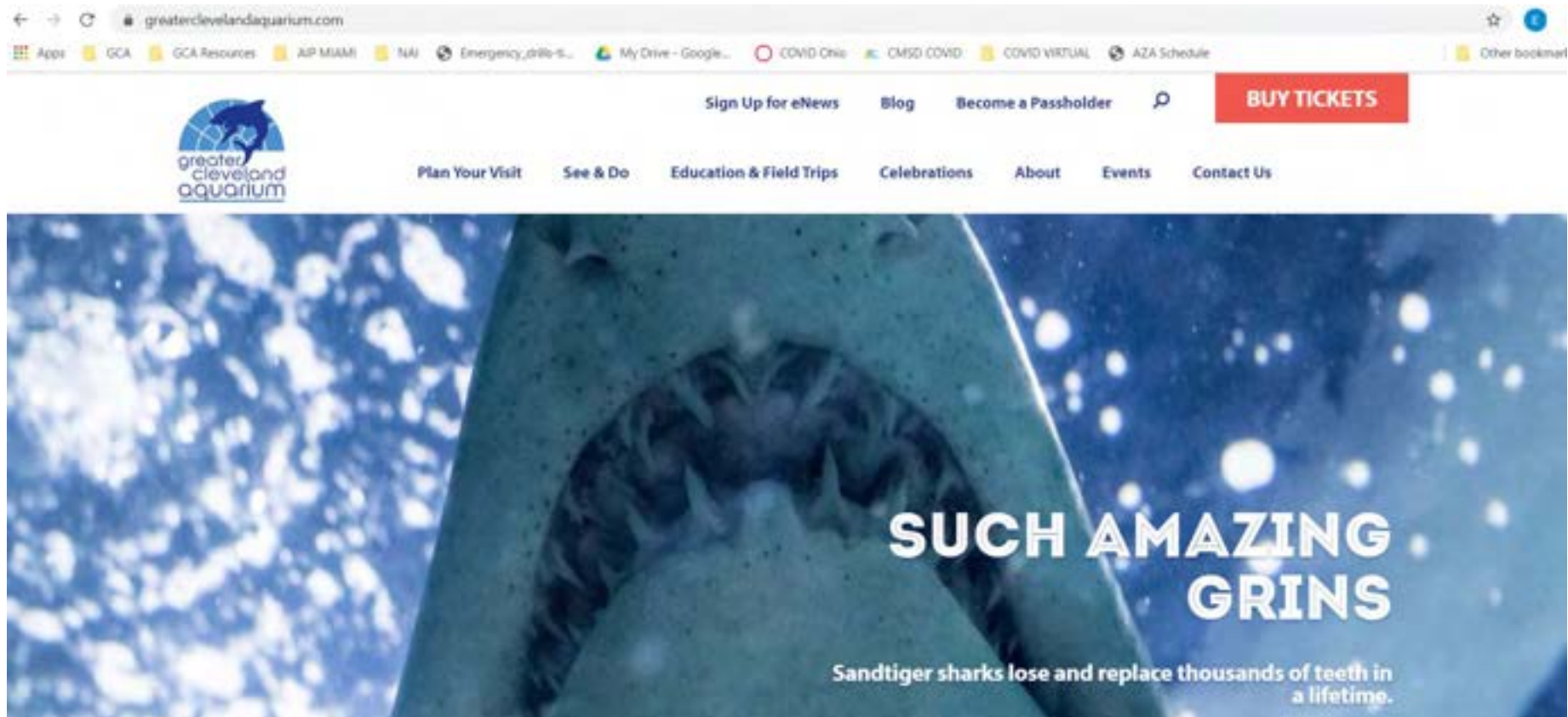




**Today I'm going to the Aquarium. I will see animals from lakes, rivers, oceans and tropical forests.**

**There will be fish, turtles, lizards, birds and invertebrates.**

Before our visit, we will reserve our tickets on the Aquarium's website. We will choose the date and time for our visit.





**Lots of people visit the Aquarium on the weekends. If I want a visit with fewer guests, the best time to come is on weekday afternoons.**

**If I do come on the weekend, 3:30-5pm is usually less crowded.**



**The Aquarium is inside the historic Powerhouse building. The smokestacks on top are really cool.**

**Before I enter the building, I need to check myself for COVID symptoms. If I have a cough, fever, headache, or sore throat, I should visit the Aquarium a different day when I feel better.**

**I can wear a mask if I want to, but I don't have to.**





The Aquarium is on the bottom level of the building.

I can take the stairs or the elevator to get down there.

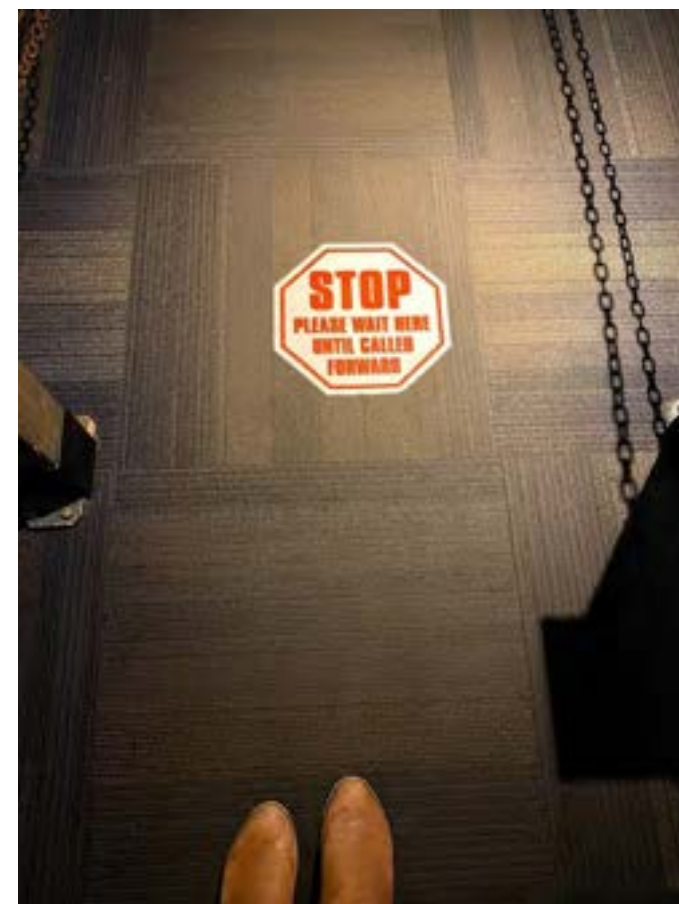
**This is the main entrance of the Aquarium.**

**I will wait in line with our group so the front desk can scan our tickets.**





We will wait at the stop sign on the floor until it is our turn to go to the counter.





**An Aquarium team member will scan our tickets. They might be wearing a mask.**

**They will ask for a bar code or a reference ID number on the tickets.**

I will see hand sanitizer stations during my visit. I can use them to sanitize my hands.

I will look for the one-way arrows on the floor to make sure I am going the correct direction.





**While in the Aquarium, I will try to stay close to my group.**

**If I get separated from my group or need help, I should stay calm and ask an Aquarium team member for help. They are easy to spot because they wear blue uniforms.**

The first gallery I'll go through has animals found in Ohio. There is a waterfall that is a little loud, so I can move away from that if I'd like. The top of the big exhibit is open, but I shouldn't put my hand in that one.



The Aquarium can be dark in a few spots, but if I keep moving I'll get to a brighter area. Seeing the animals is fun!



In the Coastal Boardwalk Gallery, I am able to touch some animals, but I don't have to if I don't feel like it.



Stingray barbs are trimmed so they cannot sting. I should use 2 fingers and only go to my wrist in the water. I can gently touch their backs and wings, to see how they feel. I can ask my adult to help me touch gently, but I don't have to touch if I don't want to.





In the Shark Gallery, there is a seatube I can walk through to feel like I'm underwater. It is neat to see sharks swimming overhead, but I don't have to walk through if I don't want to.





**Sometimes SCUBA  
divers are in the water.**

**I don't need to worry  
about them being in  
the water. They are  
trained and they dive  
many times every  
week.**

The exit of the Aquarium is through the Gift Shop. Some people buy things in the store, but we don't have to.



Knowing what to expect when I visit the Aquarium helps me stay calm so I can have a great time.



**Goodbye for now. I had fun seeing all the animals at the Aquarium.  
Maybe I will visit again one day!**

