

# Marine Science Series Frequently Asked Questions Teacher's Guide to Virtual Learning

In order to better prepare you and your students for the Marine Science Series live lessons hosted by Manatee Lagoon and The Reef Institute, we have compiled some frequently asked questions to review before getting started.

## **Do teachers need to participate in the live lessons?**

Although each live lesson is led by an educator from Manatee Lagoon or The Reef Institute, teachers must remain present throughout the duration of the live lesson to assist with monitoring questions for our educators.

## **Are there any settings that need to be adjusted for the best viewing experience in each platform?**

No setting adjustments are needed for live lessons hosted via WebEx Events.

## **How will my students interact with the educators during the live lesson?**

For live lessons hosted on WebEx Events, students will interact with our educators by asking questions only through a Q&A chat box. Student and teacher web cams and microphones will be set to off/mute.

## **What happens if I miss a scheduled live lesson?**

Please note that registrants are expected to attend all weekly lessons. Live lessons cannot be rescheduled. A recording of the week's lesson will be provided if severe weather or another unforeseen issue prevents our ability to host a live lesson.

## **Can I pause or rewind the live lesson?**

Each of the live lessons are presented in real time. Features such as pause and rewind are not available.

### **Can I adjust the time of my scheduled live lesson or the length of each live lesson to fit my class's schedule?**

Live lessons will only be offered on the day and time that was selected during the registration process and cannot be adjusted. Each live lesson is designed to be about 30 minutes long including time for questions. Due to the nature of the shared timeslot, if time allows, the educator may extend the lesson a little longer to address more questions, but typically the length of the program will be 30 minutes. Registrants receive a PDF package that will include each week's full lesson plan with extensions and supplemental activities to support further instruction of the topic.

### **I registered after the 10-week series began. When will my first live lesson be and will I still start with the Week 1 topic?**

The start date for late registrants may change depending on staffing availability. After registering online, you will be contacted by the Manatee Lagoon team directly to confirm the date of your first live lesson. Please note, you will not start with the Week 1 topic. Your weekly topics will align with the schedule displayed on the Marine Science Series website page.

### **Who can I contact if I need additional assistance?**

For general questions and to provide us a link for a live lesson, please contact us by email at [info@VisitManateeLagoon.com](mailto:info@VisitManateeLagoon.com). For time-sensitive questions or issues, such as technical difficulties with a live lesson, please contact us directly at 561-863-1884 in addition to emailing us. We will do our best to have someone from our team address your concerns as soon as possible.