



The Summer Art Academy is very excited to get back to serving our community and our Happy Campers for the summer 2022! The Summer Art Academy is closely monitoring the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation carefully and will take prudent measures to try to ensure the health and safety of every member of our community in accordance with the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), the California Department of public Health (CDPH), and other health officials.

Please carefully read and understand the entire contents of this 2022 COVID-19 INFORMATION packet. We will continue to update this as we approach camp starting.

Recent Update: 1/28/2022

COVID-19 PANDEMIC PLAN

COVID-19 is with us for the foreseeable future and The Summer Art Academy's reopening plan is in agreement with public health experts. We have based our plan on recommendations from the California Department of Public Health, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the American Camp Association, and the CDC. This plan requires the FULL cooperation of all of our Art Camp families. When your child is not in camp, we ask that you continue to make responsible choices.

THE SUMMER ART ACADEMY'S COVID-19 PREVENTION PROCEDURES & POLICIES

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1. Proper hygiene - with additional hand washing stations around campus.
2. Mask Wearing: for all campers and sta members when indoors, outdoors in areas where distancing is not feasible, and for parents when dropping or picking up. **Please send your child to camp wearing a mask and please have an extra 1-2 masks in their lunchbox or backpack each week. We will also have extra disposable masks available. We will also provide opportunities and areas for children to take "fresh air breaks" safely outside.*

Additionally, when campers are exclusively with their own pods outside, masking will be optional.

3. Mask Wearing is mandatory for all campers and staff members when indoors.
4. Mask Wearing is optional for campers and staff members when outdoors when they are with their own pod/group of children (masking outdoors is required in group settings where distancing is not feasible). We will continue to offer outdoor mask wearing in stable groups as an option. (If you would like your child to wear their mask while outside, please just email elizabethartcamp@yahoo.com and we can arrange that).
5. The Summer Art Academy strongly recommends using medical masks (surgical masks or KN95 or N95) rather than cloth masks.
6. Physical Distance during both indoor and outdoor activities as much as possible. Signage throughout campus in order to reinforce physical distancing as needed.
7. Extra cleaning and sanitizing daily on high touch areas. Additional custodial staff to ensure extra deep cleaning throughout the day, and in all restrooms. Additional custodial staff to clean each night. Extra cleaning each weekend as well in order to prepare for each week.
8. Campers spend a portion of their days outside in fresh air. Most groups will have 1 of their 4 activities in an outdoor classroom. They will also go outside for their morning snack, afternoon snack, lunch & play times. For any indoor activities, they will go outdoors as much as possible (based on the weather and the type of activity being done). Additionally, while indoors, the windows & doors will remain open as much as possible (weather permitting).
9. Daily verbal health screenings for every camper and staff members.
10. Prompt identification and isolation of sick individuals and protocols for contact tracing.
11. Employee training & ongoing communications.
12. Water Bottles-Please send your child to camp with a large refillable water bottle. If they need help, an adult will help them do that.
13. A designated "sick room" for any child who is ill and is waiting to be picked up.
14. Small group size-Each group has a maximum of 15 children.
15. All groups are considered "stable" groups, meaning the same campers & staff are in the same group all day Monday- Friday.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Are parents allowed on campus?

No. This summer, parents are not allowed to park and walk into campus. All drop off and pickup will be done "curbside". If you need to drop off your child late (or pick them up early), please arrange with the camp oce and we will bring your child out to the car. Please remember to wear your mask while you are dropping off and picking up.

What changes should I expect?

We have worked hard to create an environment this summer that is fun, spirited, creative and safe. We have made a few modifications in order to do so. For lunch and snack time, group tables will be separated around campus. During playtime, each group will have a designated area on the yard. Additional signage will be posted to help remind campers to socially distance. We have outdoor hand washing stations, and plenty of sanitizer ready to go!

What about the First Aid Office?

Each group's counselor will have a "mobile" first aid kit for minor injury relief. If your child requires more care, their Unit Leader will be notified and can assist the camper. If your child is sick or has an injury requiring medical attention, we will call you. Please make sure to pick up your child immediately if we determine that is needed. We will also have a designated "sick room" for any child who is ill.

How will you handle supplies?

Campers will each use their own individual supplies as much as possible. For example, in a "LEGO mania" class, each child would get their own LEGO kit to build with. If there is a need for shared supplies, we would portion that out per child. For example, if we have one large jug of glue, each child would get a little plate with their glue on it. If there is something that two kids need to touch, it would be sanitized between each group's use. For example, a lunch bench will be sprayed down when one group gets up before the other sits down.

How will lunch work?

For lunch, we will split up in half. Half of the camp will eat (Groups 1-6), the other half will play (Groups 7-12) and then we will switch! Each group will have designated lunch tables with designated seat spots for the campers. While they are playing, we will designate play areas for every group so that they don't mix either. Then, when the kids are done, we will clean and disinfect before switching!

Are there any restrictions?

We ask that you, our camp families, be mindful of your activities and choices for the week before your session start date (and during your time at The Summer Art Academy). Please understand that in order for camp to work, we have to work together. Please avoid large group gatherings, additional playdates, vacations, etc. The Summer Art Academy is a community and we all want your children to have the best summer ever so we kindly ask for your help in this!

Travel Guidelines?

Currently, The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) travel guideline requires a 5 day quarantine after travel for all non vaccinated travelers who leave the state of California. This applies for both foreign and domestic travel regardless of method of travel .

However, this might change by the time camp runs. Vaccinated travelers are not required to quarantine upon return to California unless they become symptomatic. The Summer Art Academy will monitor the LACDPH website and follow their travel rules and guidelines.

On May 1st we will email all families and let them know the rules for travel and quarantine according to our county and state. If you enroll in camp and purchase a week of camp during a time you have to quarantine, we will refund you minus 5% or offer a full credit towards another week (if we have room).

Does my child have to have a Covid-19 vaccination?

Although the Covid-19 vaccine is not required, those campers who are fully vaccinated will not be required to quarantine after travel or after some exposures outside their home (in accordance with the recommendations from the LACDPH). Please provide a copy of your child's CDC approved vaccination records so we may plan for your child accordingly.

If you have any additional questions, please contact elizabethartcamp@yahoo.com