

VisArts is excited to be able to offer on-site Winter Camp this year. We understand that the safety of your child is a priority, as it is for us. Here we outline VisArts policies for ensuring a safe and fun Winter Camp experience.

All students and staff members will have their temperatures scanned before they enter the building each morning. They will also respond to three written questions regarding symptoms they may be experiencing, as well as exposure to others with symptoms or who have tested positive.

The three questions that staff and students will be asked daily are:

1. Have you had a measured temperature of 100.4F or greater within the last 14 days?
2. Have you had any symptoms associated with COVID-19 such as sore throat, nasal congestion, runny nose, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, fatigue/malaise, head or body aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell within the last 14 days?
3. Have you had close, prolonged contact (less than 6 feet for more than ten minutes) with anyone in your household or any other person known to have COVID-19 or who has symptoms of COVID-19 as noted above within the last 14 days?

Anyone who answers yes to any of these questions will not be permitted to enter the building, unless they can provide proof of a negative test result no more than 14 days old or they provide a written medical statement indicating that they are not contagious.

Health Forms:

Campers' health forms must be filled out completely before the first day of class. Health forms must be filled out with as much detail as possible; please inform us of ANY medical conditions your child has, (including seasonal allergies) even if it seems unrelated. If your student will need any special accommodations, please let us know ahead of time via the forms, an email, or a phone call. If your child takes medication, VisArts staff must be informed ahead of time. Staff will not be holding on to, or administering any medications, but we can remind students when to take them.

## **Preparing your child for Winter Camp:**

We understand that these are distressing times for everyone, and explaining it to children can be a delicate subject. Prior to signing up for, and sending your children to VisArts, please discuss with them how to recognize symptoms, as well as how to express them. Please review the CDC guidelines on how to talk to your children about COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/talking-with-children.html>

Please discuss with children appropriate ways to express their feelings/symptoms if they are feeling ill, and help them recognize whether they are feeling bad because of stress or anxiety rather than physical pain/symptoms. Discuss language with students that help them express their different symptoms with staff so we may make an accurate assessment of their condition.

## **Before coming to Winter Camp (Daily):**

Students' temperatures must be taken before arriving at VisArts for drop-off. Any student whose temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher SHOULD NOT COME TO CAMP. Other symptoms should be reviewed daily, these symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue/malaise
- Head or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell

If students begin demonstrating symptoms at home after attending camp, staff should be notified IMMEDIATELY. Please make sure you fill out the health forms with as much detailed information as possible.

## **Sick at VisArts:**

Students may not come to VisArts if they are unwell, as they may spread or pick up germs in their compromised state. If they have been sick, or there is a family member who is sick, children must remain at home until the family's physician or health care provider can verify in a written statement that the child and the family member are not contagious and the child is cleared to return to camp.

If a child displays signs of not feeling well or expresses that they are not feeling well at VisArts, a parent/guardian will be contacted to inquire about symptoms. After consultation with the parent, a decision will be made as to whether to keep the child in camp or send them home. It is VisArts final decision as to whether a child may stay in camp if they are not running a fever but has complained about sickness.

If the child has a temperature they will be kept in the classroom and the rest of the pod will be taken to another room. Parents will immediately be contacted to arrange for pick-up of their child within 30 minutes or less. Emergency contacts, designated by families, must be accurate and up-to-date.

After the symptomatic child's pick-up, the staff members will clean and disinfect the classroom. Families of all students will be informed if any child/staff member is sent home because of illness while attending camp. The anonymity of the student/staff member will be respected.

If a child has seasonal allergies, then the health form must indicate that the child is subject to this condition. Parents will be asked to identify what their child's allergy symptoms look like, so they can be distinguished from other symptoms of illness.

### **In Case of positive COVID Result:**

In the event of a positive result of COVID in building by any staff member or student, VisArts will be following the guidelines laid out by the CDC. VisArts will implement a short-term closure procedure, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Dismissing the staff and students for 2-5 days after the discovery of the positive test result

- Discouraging staff and students from gathering in large groups
- Communicating with staff and students thoroughly regarding any updates
- Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the site — including waiting for up to 24 hours after the positive test result to begin cleaning to allow for respiratory droplets to settle, keeping doors and windows open (where it is allowed) to keep circulation as open as possible

Administrative staff will coordinate with local health officials to determine subsequent steps and courses of action.

Further Safety Protocols:

### **Hand Washing:**

After entering camp and putting away personal possessions, all staff and students are required to immediately wash their hands thoroughly. The required hand washing protocol is for 20+ seconds with warm/hot water and soap, while rubbing both sides of the hands, wrists, each finger, and in between fingers before rinsing and drying thoroughly with a paper towel.

Staff and students will also wash their hands throughout the day and may use a sanitizer with 60%+ alcohol when a sink is not feasible. Hand sanitizer dispensers are stationed in various places around the building.

### **Masks:**

All students and staff must wear face masks that cover the nose and mouth at all times. Masks may not be bandanas or fleece or have an exhalation valve. Masks may be removed ONLY during the specific lunch and snack period. Please pack your child three masks in a clean, plastic bag every day and clearly mark your child's name on each mask.

### **Bathrooms:**

Students will be escorted to the bathroom by a staff member and only students in the cohort can be in the bathroom. Bathrooms will be cleaned several times each day with special attention paid to high-touch surfaces. Supervised handwashing will be carried out after each bathroom visit.

**Class Cleaning and Disinfecting:**

VisArts will use two designated classrooms for Winter Camp. At no time Monday through Friday will students or staff outside the pod be allowed in the classrooms. The classrooms will be spot cleaned throughout the day and will be thoroughly cleaned during the student's lunch break when the classrooms are empty. In addition, disinfectant wipes will be available so that frequently touched surfaces may be cleaned often. Frequently touched surfaces include light switches, sink knobs, door and cabinet handles, tables, chair seats, and chair tops, and other surfaces touched by staff or students during the day.