

Camp Health & Safety/Sick Policy:

VisArts prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of all students, teachers, and staff members. These policies for camp are mandatory and must be followed by students, staff, teachers and everyone who enters our building.

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[Preparing for camp](#)

How to prepare in weeks leading up to camp:

Health forms/in-depth health information

Health forms must be filled out with as much detail as possible before the first day of class. Please inform us of ANY medical conditions your child has, (including seasonal allergies) even if it seems unrelated to the camp experience. 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 administer any medications, but we can remind students when to take them. Please provide specific dosage instructions if this is necessary

Vaccinations

VisArts strongly recommends that all students, staff, teachers, and administrators be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. As it is not a requirement, frequent cleanings and other precautions will be observed throughout the facilities.

Preparing your child for camp

Prior to sending your children to camp please discuss with them how to recognize COVID symptoms, as well as how to express themselves if they believe they are sick. 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 about their condition.

What to do each morning before coming to camp:

Evaluating your child's health

Each morning, please speak to your child about how they are feeling. If you feel like they may be sick in any way, please do not send them to camp. If you feel that they may be exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please contact a healthcare provider as soon as possible and follow their instructions. Be sure to contact VisArts staff as soon as possible as well.

When NOT to send your child to camp

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

Please see the quarantine requirements/schema as dictated by Montgomery County below:

Persons who tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status:

Persons who test positive for COVID-19

Day 1 is the first full day after symptoms started in symptomatic persons or the first full day after the person tested positive if asymptomatic.

Day	Action
Day 1-5	Stay home, isolate, wear a well-fitting mask around others in your home.
Day 6-10	You may leave your home if: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• you have no symptoms, or if your symptoms have improved, and• you have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without using fever reducing medication. You must continue to stay home if you have symptoms that are not improving. If you cannot wear a well-fitting mask while around others through Day 10, you should remain in isolation through Day 10.

Persons with symptoms (presumed positive)

who have:

- Tested negative,
- Are awaiting test results, or
- Who are unable to test due to test supply or unavailability.

Day	Action
All days	<p>Stay home until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• your symptoms have improved, and you have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without using fever reducing medication, or• you have a negative PCR test result. <p>During isolation, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• wear a well-fitting mask if you must be around others,• avoid being around people who are high risk, and• avoid travel. <p>For persistent symptoms, you should consult with a health care provider.</p>

Persons who are exposed to someone with COVID-19 and have no symptoms:

Persons who are not fully vaccinated or are not boosted, despite being eligible

Day 1 is considered the first full day after the date of last close contact.

Day	Action
Day 1-5	Stay home.
Day 5-10	<p>Get tested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If your result is negative, or you cannot get a test, you may leave your home on or after Day 6 but should still wear a well-fitting mask whenever you are around others.• If you are unable to mask around others, you should remain at home.• If your result is positive, stay home and follow recommendations for isolation.

Persons who are exposed to someone with COVID-19, but are fully vaccinated/boosted and have no symptoms, OR have recently recovered from COVID-19:

Persons who are fully vaccinated and/or boosted

Day 1 is considered the first full day after the date of last close contact.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO QUARANTINE, BUT:

Day	Action
For 10 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• wear a well-fitting mask whenever you are around others,• monitor for symptoms• avoid being around people who are high risk, and• avoid travel.
Day 5-10	<p>Get tested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If your result is positive, stay home and follow recommendations for isolation.

If you develop symptoms, isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home and follow recommendations for isolation.

[VisArts Safety Protocols](#)

Masks, Handwashing, water fountains, bathrooms, and cleaning procedures:

Masks

While not mandatory, VisArts highly encourages universal indoor masking at camp. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 but is asymptomatic, they **must** wear a mask while at VisArts. Please note, masking may be temporarily recommended or required in local outbreaks, high-risk situations, or, more broadly, when COVID-19 community transmission is high.

Handwashing

After entering camp and putting away personal possessions, all staff and students are required to 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.

Bathrooms

Students will be escorted to the bathroom by a staff member. Bathrooms will be cleaned several times each day with special attention paid to high-touch surfaces.

Cleaning and Disinfection Procedures

Classrooms will be spot cleaned throughout the day and will be thoroughly cleaned after the classrooms are emptied. 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.

Daily Camp Procedures

Arrival and Dismissal - Procure:

Arrival/Dismissal

VisArts Camp has created a safe, low-contact, and efficient check in/out system for campers. We use Procure, an online database that allows us to provide live camper updates throughout the day, and allows you to check your child in and out of camp without even leaving the car! More information about the arrival and dismissal process can be found on the camp home page.

Daily Activities - Class set-up and Lunch/Recess:

Class set-up

Artistic Adventures

Campers ages 7-12 attending the two-week Artistic Adventures camp will rotate through

different classes each day, with a period for lunch and recess in a separate, designated lunch room or outside as weather permits. Students will be divided into 5 groups, and will be grouped by age. Classes will be maxed at 15 students per classroom. Campers will attend classes, lunch, and recess with their group and may mix for these periods with one or two other camp groups.

Young Artists

Campers ages 5 and 6, attending the two-week Young Artist camp will remain in one room for all of their art classes. Class is maxed at 15 students. Young Artists will have breaks throughout the day for snack, lunch, and play time in a separate, designated eating and play area. Campers will attend classes, lunch, and recess with their group, and may mix for these periods with one or two other camp groups.

Tween/Teen Camp

Tween and teen campers will attend classes with those registered for the same camp.

Lunch/Recess

Students will have lunch and recess in a designated area separate from their classrooms. VisArts has some outdoor space available and we will do our best to bring campers outside for lunch and recess as much as possible, weather permitting. Depending on their group, campers may share their lunch and recess period with another group or groups. Social distancing will be encouraged.

Sick Policy

Students should not come to camp if they are at all unwell, as they may spread or pick up germs in their compromised state. Whether the child presents symptoms of COVID-19 or another illness, please air on the side of caution and keep them at home. If they have been sick, or have been in contact with a family member who is sick, the child should remain at home until they are better.

Sick at VisArts:

If a student feels sick while at VisArts

If a child displays signs of illness or expresses that they are not feeling well at VisArts, a staff member will inquire about symptoms and contact a parent/guardian. After consultation with the parent, a decision will be made as to whether or not to send the child home. **If the child is**

complaining of illness but does not have a fever, it will be VisArts' decision whether or not the child may rejoin their class.

If the child has a temperature parents will immediately be contacted to arrange for pick-up of their symptomatic child within 30 minutes or less. Please make sure emergency contacts and designated pick-up people are up to date when you fill out your health forms.

After the child has been picked 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. Anonymity of the student/staff member will be respected.

Remember, if your child has seasonal allergies, 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 COVID -19 positive result

In the event of a positive result of COVID-19 by any staff member or student, VisArts will be following the guidelines laid out by the CDC. VisArts will not close down in the case of a positive test result of a camper, teacher, or staff member. We will inform families of the possible exposure, and recommend a monitoring period of several days in which students' well-being is monitored. If any student begins to show symptoms of COVID-19, they should be kept at home and be tested. **Please note, no refunds or credits shall be given in case of camps missed as a result of illness.**