



## Summer Camp Create COVID-19 Policy As of May 14, 2021

We are looking forward to Summer Camp Create 2021! We always look forward to greeting our campers, and this year is no exception

We have come out of the worst part of the pandemic, and the CDC is recommending vaccinated people can remove their masks indoors and outdoors. **However, because children under the age of 12 remain**

**unvaccinated we will continue to implement necessary Covid-19 mitigation to keep all of our campers safe.**

The purpose of this document is to inform you of the steps Artscope is taking to maintain a safe, healthy and clean environment. **Please read the following information carefully. The form on the last page must be signed and returned the first day of the first week of your child's camp.**

Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible. We are:

1. Conducting activities nearly 100% outdoors. Campers will come inside the Cottage only to use the restroom, and for short, 10-minute air conditioning breaks on hot days.
2. Intensifying cleaning and disinfection practices at Artscope's Cottage by cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, doorknobs, art supplies and play items, and ensuring safe and correct use and storage of disinfectants.
3. Keeping campers in small groups of 10 or fewer and spacing them out 3 feet apart during art activities. Campers will stay with the same group of 10 campers, one Teaching Artist, and one Junior Counselor, for the entire camp day. Siblings will always be in the same group, unless the parent or caretaker requests that they be in separate groups.
4. Limiting the number of art supplies that are shared or touched between campers and staff. Children will also keep their personal items in separate cubbies.
5. Promoting healthy hygiene practices by providing an outdoor hand washing station for each small group, and frequent use of hand sanitizer.
6. Staff, Junior Counselors and campers will wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose during all art activities, when they are inside the building to use the restroom or for a short air conditioning break, and at any time when physical distancing of 3 feet is not possible. When children are playing on Artscope's grounds or exploring the park with

their Teaching Artist and Junior Counselor and can remain at least three feet apart from each other, their masks may be removed.

7. If a child does get sick at camp, we have identified an area where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolate from others. We will communicate with parents or caretakers directly and request that the child be picked up by parents or caretakers as soon as possible. Parents or caregivers will need to provide written confirmation of a negative Covid-19 test in order for their child to return to camp.

## **Drop off and Pick up Procedures at Camp Create**

We STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you to enter the park on Kingshighway, and follow South Drive all the way down to Artscope's building (go to the right after you enter the park from Kingshighway). We will only check in parents who are parked on the side of the street closest to our building, and since South Drive is a one-way street, entering on Kingshighway is the safest way to do this. This applies to late drop off and late pick up situations as well.

### **Drop off:**

- **Drop off begins no earlier than 8:45 am.**
- **Remain in your vehicle** (if you walk or bike with your child to camp, please wait on the sidewalk nearest to South Drive to check in your child).
- Pull up as close to the stop sign as possible on South Drive.
- Wait for a staff person to approach your vehicle.
- A staff member will conduct a temperature check on your child (see below).
- On the first day, this person will also verify all relevant information, such as who is authorized to pick up your camper, emergency contact information, and so on.
- Say your goodbyes in the vehicle. Make sure your camper has everything they need!
- After the screening, your camper may exit and join their group.
- After unloading, please pull away and exit quickly to make room for others.

### **Pickup:**

- It's helpful to post a sign with your camper's name on the passenger side of your windshield, large enough to be read by our staff.
- **Remain in your vehicle.**
- Pull up to the designated stop sign.
- Wait for a staff person to approach your vehicle.
- Give the staff person the camper's name, staff will locate your camper(s) and escort them to the vehicle.
- After loading, you may pull away.

## **Daily temperature checks and screenings:**

### **Temperature check:**

- At drop off, a staff person will need to check your camper's temperature with a touchless forehead thermometer before the camper is allowed to join their camp group.
- Your camper will not be allowed to attend camp if:

- They have a fever of 100 degrees F or higher
- They have not had their temperature checked
- They are not wearing a mask when they get out of the car
- They have visible symptoms of Covid-19

## **Personal belongings:**

- Only the camper will be allowed to handle their belongings. Items brought by campers are not allowed to be shared between campers. Our staff will not handle any belongings brought by campers.
- Each camper will be assigned a cubby on the porch to put their belongings in. Please send the camper with only what they absolutely need (and, really, all they need is their lunch and a water bottle).
- Please apply sunscreen and bug spray BEFORE camp so they don't need to bring it with them.
- Remind your campers not to share or trade their lunch and snack items.

**A important note about severe weather conditions:** in the event we must enter the Cottage to stay safe from severe weather or a tornado event, all staff and students will wear masks, but due to the difficulty of social distancing in our small Cottage, camp will be closed for the day and all parents and caretakers will be asked to come get their campers within an hour.

We ask that you help us protect the health of campers this summer. Anyone who is sick or was sick with COVID-19 or recently in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days—including staff, campers, and families— should not come to camp. Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick.

If you have a specific question about this plan or COVID-19, please contact Executive Director Emily Kohring for more information. You can also find more information about COVID-19 at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) or on CDC's website for youth and summer camps ([CDC Guidance for Operating Youth and Summer Camps During COVID-19](#)).

We look forward to seeing you and your campers!

Thank you and stay healthy,

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## Artscope COVID-19 Waiver

PLEASE RETURN ON YOUR FAMILY'S FIRST DAY OF CAMP

After reviewing recommendations from the city of St. Louis, the State of Missouri, the CDC, and the American Camp Association, Artscope has developed a plan for responding to COVID-19. Aspects of the plan are highlighted below and are further described on our website and in a separate COVID-19 information document. This plan is subject to change as we receive more information and guidance from public health professionals.

1. It is Artscope's policy that no camper may attend camp if they or any person living in their home, shows or has shown any symptoms of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to their arrival at camp. And, no camper may attend camp who has knowingly been in contact who has symptoms and/or who tested positive for COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the start of their session.
2. Campers and Staff who have a fever or symptoms without the ability to confirm that it is not a result of COVID-19 will be asked to leave camp.

By signing this waiver, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and am willing to abide by the Artscope COVID-19 policy.

By signing this waiver, I further acknowledge that:

1. There is a chance that myself or my camper could be exposed to COVID-19 at the camp facility and that Artscope will not be held accountable. While Artscope is taking precautions and trying to keep everyone safe, they do not promise a COVID-19 free environment.
2. I have a strategy in place and I am prepared, if needed to pick up my camper within one hour should they show symptoms of COVID-19. Artscope is not prepared to house campers or staff who show symptoms of COVID-19. Therefore any camper or staff with a fever will be sent home.
3. Furthermore, I have a plan in place to pick up my camper within one hour in the case of severe weather that requires campers and staff to take shelter in the Artscope Cottage.
4. Camp has advised me of the need to prevent my child from having close physical contact with anyone who is unvaccinated, or otherwise in a medically compromised condition for 14 days after returning home from camp.

Camper Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_