



COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy

Squak Art Studio places the health and safety of students and their families above all other priorities. During the pandemic both staff and guests will need to take extra steps to keep others safe. This health policy is informed by guidance for schools and childcare centers from the Washington State Department of Health. While it is always our goal to provide a fun, hands-on experience, many things about classes and camps will need to change in 2020. These include the following:

- **Students must check their temperature every day before entering the studio.** Students are asked to stay home from class if they or someone in their household showed symptoms like those of COVID-19 in the 3 days before their program. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, fever of 100.4°F or higher, sore throat, chills, new loss of taste or smell, muscle or body aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, congestion or running nose not related to seasonal allergies, and unusual fatigue. If a student must cancel and cannot attend another program in the future, they will be refunded for their unused credit.
- **Staff, students, and guests must wear masks or cloth face coverings whenever possible.** Exceptions are made for groups specified by the Washington State Department of Health, including children younger than 5 and those with conditions that preclude the use of masks.
- **Students and staff must wash hands frequently with soap and running water,** especially after touching their faces, using the bathroom, eating, drinking, wiping noses, coughing, sneezing, and entering the studio. Guests are asked to sneeze and cough into their inner elbow, or into a tissue which should be thrown away immediately.
- **Camp and class sizes will be reduced to 8 in-person students per period. No more than 10 people may be in the studio at one time, including staff.** In the case of camps, no more than 6 students can enroll per week and no more than 6 per morning or afternoon period. Parents picking up children are asked to wait outside the studio doors if the room is at capacity.
- **Students will work at separate stations to support social distancing.** Guests are asked to maintain a 6-foot distance from others while in the studio. This will require communication as students move around the space. Assigned seats will help reduce the number of people using a station in each week.
- **Each art station will be equipped with its own supplies, which will not be shared between desks.** This will minimize the number of people using the same supplies. Any materials that cannot be kept at art stations will be handed out by staff. An exception is made for adult students, who may access supplies for themselves after washing hands thoroughly and observing hygiene guidelines.
- **Surfaces will be sanitized routinely with approved anti-viral cleaners.** The bathroom sink handles, toilet seat, and doorknobs will be sanitized by staff between uses. Art stations, entrance door handles, chairs, and other shared surfaces will be cleaned before each class period. Carpets will be vacuumed once daily before class.
- **In case of a possible COVID-19 infection in the studio, staff will follow protocol recommended by the Washington State Department of Health.** This includes 14-day self-quarantine and contact tracing measures to help limit the spread of the disease. More information can be found at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>.