

COVID-19 Policies & Procedures – Information for Participants

From the beginning of this global pandemic, Visual Arts Brampton has prioritized the health and safety of our students, staff members and community. This policies and procedures document has been created as a guide for the safety measures in place at our studio.

Keeping Our Community Members Informed

We are proactive in ensuring our policies and procedures are always up to date and follow all public health recommendations. We will continue to update this document as needed.

For the latest updates, please visit www.visualartsbrampton.com. Questions regarding these policies can be sent to info@visualartsbrampton.com.

COVID-19 Self-Assessment & Symptoms

Everyone entering the studio must self-assess themselves for COVID-19 symptoms before visiting.

For the health and safety of our community, any participant or staff member who fails screening or answers YES to one or more of the following questions must stay home and not visit the studio.

- Are you or anyone in your household experiencing one or more symptoms of COVID-19?
- Have you had close contact with a person who is sick or had COVID-19 in the past 10 days?
- Have you travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?
- Are you currently under a self-isolation order?
- Are you showing symptoms of a respiratory illness, such as coughing or sneezing?

Participants will be monitored for symptoms upon arrival at the studio. If studio staff observes a participant is showing symptoms of COVID-19, they will be separated from other participants and remain in a dedicated isolation space for immediate pickup or be asked to leave the studio. Participants with symptoms are asked to consult their family physician or public health for directions on next steps.

COVID-19 Symptoms		
Fever $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$	New or worsening cough	Headaches
Runny nose	Red eyes	Loss of smell or taste
Difficulty breathing	Sore throat	Tiredness
Sore muscles	Nausea or vomiting	Diarrhea

Vaccinations

We encourage anyone who is participating at the studio to receive their complete COVID-19 vaccine series. Visit <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca> to book your appointment.

Our Health and Safety Measures

Hand & Respiratory Hygiene

- Alcohol based hand sanitizer stations are available at the studio entrance and in each classroom. Participants and staff are required to sanitize their hands before entering and leaving the studio.
- Proper hand hygiene and washing techniques will be reinforced. Staff and participants will be required to wash their hands frequently and after visiting the washroom.
- Proper respiratory etiquette such as coughing and sneezing into elbows and avoiding touching of the face will be reinforced.

Masks

- Participants and visitors are encouraged to wear a properly fitting three-layer non-medical mask when inside the studio.

Cleaning Procedures

- Studio staff will conduct regular cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces including door handles, handrails, tabletops and chairs. Washroom fixtures will also be disinfected at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Classroom surfaces, touch points and tools/materials used by students will be cleaned and disinfected after each class.
- Only approved disinfectants that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) will be used.

Registering for Programs or Sessions

- Advanced registration and payment are required for all programs and may be completed either online or in-person.
- We strongly encourage advanced registration for our Open Studio and Life Drawing sessions.
- If you require assistance with registration, please contact the studio at info@visualartsbrampton.com or call 905-453-9142.

Pick up and Drop off for Children's Classes

Parents may enter the studio to drop-off and pick-up their child.

- **Drop-off:** Please drop off your child no more than 10 minutes before class time. A staff member will be present inside to greet you and your child, and direct them to the classroom.
- **Pick-up:** Parents are asked to come inside at the end of class to pick up their child.
- Students will be escorted to the front door if their parent is not present in the studio for pick-up to ensure they leave safely.

Supporting Those Self-Monitoring for Symptoms or Self-Isolating

If a studio participant or staff member has been asked by public health officials to self-monitor for symptoms or self-isolate at home, we will make effort to support families and ensure:

- Sick leave policies are in place for staff.
- Families are treated with respect, fairness and compassion with a focus on dignity and privacy protection.

Failure to Comply

If a studio participant or staff member fails to comply with the above guidelines, they will be subject to refusal of entry or removal from the studio and/or program for a period of up to two months.

Notice to Participants

As outlined in this document, we have implemented enhanced health and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at our studio.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any place where people are present. By visiting our studio, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure of COVID-19.