

COVID-19 Policies & Procedures – Summary

From the beginning of this global pandemic, Visual Arts Brampton has prioritized the health and safety of our students, staff members and community. This chart summarizes the COVID-19 Policies and Procedures that have been put into place as we reopen our studio to the public. [Click here to view our entire COVID-19 Policies & Procedures document.](#)

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<p>Keeping Our Community Members Informed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants will receive an information sheet outlining our COVID-19 policies and signage is installed at the studio to remind participants of these policies. Our COVID-19 policies will be constantly reviewed to ensure they are aligned with all current public health recommendations.
<p>COVID-19 Self Assessment & Symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and participants are required to conduct a COVID-19 self assessment before visiting the studio. Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 is asked to stay home. Staff and participants will be monitored for symptoms upon arrival at the studio and during studio activities. Procedures are in place for isolating and removing individuals who are showing symptoms. Sick leave policies are in place for to support staff that feel unwell and are unable to work. Students who are self-isolating at home can attend their class online.
<p>Hand & Respiratory Hygiene</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Proper respiratory etiquette such as coughing and sneezing into elbows and avoiding touching of the face will be reinforced.
<p>Masks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per the City of Brampton by-law, all staff and participants must wear a non-medical mask that covers their nose, mouth and chin without gaps at all times while inside the studio. Participants who are unable to wear a mask due to medical reasons are encouraged to register for our online programs.

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<p>Practicing Physical Distancing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studio capacity has been reduced by 60% to support physical distancing in all classroom spaces. • Classroom spaces have been rearranged to ensure participants and staff are seated a minimum of two meters apart. • In-person make-up and trial classes have been suspended to support cohorting of classes. • Common areas have been closed where social distancing may be difficult. • Social distancing guide markers and directional arrows will be used for lining up at the studio entrance. • For most programs, separate doors for entering and exiting the studio will be used. • Parents are asked to remain outside when picking up and dropping off their child.
<p>Cleaning Procedures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studio staff will conduct regular cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces. • Classroom surfaces and touch points will be cleaned and disinfected after each class. • Only approved disinfectants that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) will be used. • Program schedules have been adjusted to allow for more cleaning time between classes.
<p>Programs and Registration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only participants who have registered for a program may enter the studio. Non-registered participants, guests or visitors will not be allowed entry. • Advanced online registration and payment is required for all programs. Cash and cheque payments will not be accepted at this time. • Due to reduced studio capacity, drop-in sessions such as Open Studio and Life Drawing will require advanced registration.
<p>“No Sharing” Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are enforcing a “no sharing” policy to support reducing virus transmission between students and staff. This policy includes the sharing of art materials and tools. • Students enrolled in our Art Exploration, Art Fundamentals, and Art Refined classes will be supplied with a personal set of materials to bring to each class. • All other participants will be required to provide their own materials and tools.