

Greetings All!

As DFAC plans on maintaining its current level of Covid Protocols through summer, there is a lot of information here about the health & safety protocols we have successfully put in place to help keep everyone safe & healthy. Please take time to read all of it! The overriding factor is, that DFAC at a minimum follows City, County and State guidelines. DFAC has steadily maintained the recommended steps for Covid 19 by the CDC.

Here is a little background info on DFAC and Covid. When DFAC shutdown and cancelled 12 weeks of revenue generating classes, laid off staff and reduced skeleton crew salaries in March 2020, we started to work on adjustments to camps so that when June 1st arrived, we would be ready. Thanks to Staff, Faculty, Parents and Campers, DFAC had zero instances of closures or quarantines making the 2020 Summer Academy an AWESOME one! We had 901 students participating in summer 2020. **We had 941 participating in Summer 2021! Thanks to parents being pro-active and DFAC's Protocols, 2021 summer operated safely with no quarantines or closures. Below is a list of some of the steps that have been addressed:**

2020 All camps maximum attendance per group was reduced to 8 students. This allowed for 1 instructor and one assistant for a max total of 10. March 27th, 2021 UPDATE: CDC has new guidelines of 3' between students but we plan on only adding 2 students to a group for a new max total of 12(except in Mini- masters and Art Squad) and still keeping average social distancing of 6'. **2022 will be increasing to max student group size of 16 if protocols ease.**

- ... Mini Masters: 10 instead of 15, Mural 1 and 2 no more than 15 each (some years we had 20 to 25), Arts in Motion max of 15, Art squad: max of 10 in a class (40 total), iPad max of 14, Sizzlin summer 6 – 10yr olds: max of 16 in a group (total 64) before pandemic this camp would go up to 100+ campers.
- ... Studios set up with individual tables/chairs following 6ft social distancing spacing
- ... Staff/Instructors/assistants wear masks (provided by DFAC)
- ... Everyone (all ages) entering the building will be required to wear a mask (**not provided by DFAC**)
- ... Hand sanitizing at three main entrances.
- ... CDC signage
- ... Studios have sinks/soap/water
- ... Studios will have "healthy carts" stocked with wipes, hand sanitizer and peroxide spray
- ... No group gathering. Drop off, lunch and pick up will be in their individual studios (map and directions will be sent to each family the Friday before their camp starts)
- ... Due to distancing, the darkroom component for Art Squad will meet in the Douglas Whitley gallery and work with digital black/white photos, solar-grams and journaling projects
- ... Hands on area still closed to the public during camp weeks but will be open on weekends.
- ... 6ft spacing reminders throughout the building on floors and stanchions
- ... Sanitizing of "high touch" areas regularly throughout the day
- ... Nightly "deep cleans"

We want to do the best we can with keeping everyone Happy and Healthy again this summer. This starts with you and your child. In previous summers DFAC has always promoted good hygiene with "Keep DFAC Happy and Healthy" by covering your mouth, washing your hands and not touching your face. We continue that with the CDC additional guidelines of please stay home if you are sick, wear a mask and keep 6ft social distance. As we move closer to summer, please have your child (if you haven't already) start getting used to wearing a mask and practicing the 6ft distancing. Practice washing hands for a full 20 seconds... Whether you make it a game or not, that practice will help greatly in camps and create healthy habits. Thank you for your patience and support. Just in case you missed the info/video on DFAC camps, here is the link:

<https://www.dfac.org/kids-corner/summer-camp/>



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