

**Missoula Art Museum
Education Protocol
May 2020**

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Summer Camps:

All art camps will be held in the classroom at the museum and will have a cap of 10 individuals (9 kids and 1 teacher) or less. In accordance with guidelines established by the CDC, Governor Bullock's office, and the Missoula City-County Health Department, if ARTreach camps book and the group is larger than 10, campers will be broken up into 2 groups of 10 or less and the two groups will be kept at least 6 feet apart utilizing both sides of the classroom. Morning camp groups wishing to visit exhibitions will do so between 9-10 AM so as not to be in the galleries when we are open to the public. Morning campers will have an assigned seat to sit in every day and an assigned cubby for their personal belongings. Youth will be preassigned a sanitized art supply kit that they will use throughout the whole week and it will be kept in their assigned cubby. Only minimal sharing will take place between groups of 10 or less. There are two sinks in the classroom. Each group will use a different sink and hand washing will be required before class. Hand sanitizer will also be available and frequent use will be encouraged throughout each lesson.

ARTreach:

A remote online learning program will be available to camps and local organizations to access in place of visiting the museum for a field trip. If your organization wishes to visit MAM with a group of children, please contact the museum by calling 406-728-0447.

Teen Open Studio:

Teen Open Studio will be held weekly on Thursday afternoons, with a maximum of 9 participants. The session will be held outside, weather permitting, in the Art Park. If it is raining, TOS will be held in the classroom following proper sanitation and physical distancing.

Saturday Family Workshops:

In-person Saturday Family Workshops have been cancelled. Families are invited to visit our website to download free art-making worksheets related to the exhibitions on view at MAM. New additions will be added.

CONTACTLESS CHECK-IN AND PICKUP:

At the start of each camp day, a MAM staff member will greet families outside of a camp-dedicated building entrance to help facilitate a safe, physically distant check in process. Excluding special circumstances, parents are encouraged not to enter the building at any time. The MAM team member assisting with check in will record camper attendance and efficiently direct students toward their class areas to prevent congestion around the front entrance. The beginning times for art camps are staggered and take place in separate parts of the building to aid in contactless check in. Pick up will be the same with families waiting outside and MAM staff guiding students to meet them.

FACE COVERINGS:

We will require instructors and MAM team members to wear a face covering at all times while leading Summer Camps. Students and parents must wear face coverings during high traffic times such as drop off and pick up. Students may wear face coverings for the entire day, but we will not require constant use when they are in their smaller, assigned groups.

Students can bring their own face coverings if they have a favorite. In order to promote sanitary practices, we ask that students also bring a dedicated plastic bag to store their face covering when it is not in use and any personal cloth face coverings be taken home and laundered multiple times throughout the week.

If students do not bring a face covering, MAM will supply a disposable alternative. However, cloth face coverings are preferred.

COMMON AREAS:

Common or high-traffic areas within the MAM building will be outfitted with appropriate signage to inform social distancing, especially at gathering points or areas vulnerable to close proximity interactions like hallways, bathroom entrances, and building exits.

HEALTH CHECKS:

Each morning, all staff will perform a self-wellness check and will be asked not to come to work if they have a fever or present other symptoms of illness. The MAM will provide a contactless thermometer to monitor the temperature of any child that reports feeling sick. If a student is found to have a fever they will be removed from class and sent home. We ask that parents do not send their kids to camp if there are any signs of illness like coughing or fever.

All high-touch surfaces such as tabletops, chairs, and door handles will be sanitized at scheduled times throughout the day according to a sanitization checklist developed under the recommendation of the Missoula City-County Health Department.

TRAINING & AWARENESS:

All staff will be required to undergo training in personal COVID-19 wellness checks, community safety measures, and ways to keep the learning environment fun and engaging while maintaining those safety measures. Furthermore, individual staff will be dedicated to their group of ten or less students and will not move from group to group throughout the day.

FUN AND NORMALIZATION:

Although these adaptations might be a little difficult for some kids, we will do our best to make sure that camp stays fun and there is a sense of normalcy. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 in our region and follow all evolving guidelines recommended by the CDC and the Missoula City-County Health Department in order to prioritize the safety of our staff, students, and everyone in the MAM family. – *Kay Grissom-Kiely, Jenny Bevill, and Siera Hyte*