

Covid-19 Statement of Policy

It is the policy of the AOY Art Center to comply with all federal, state and local requirements regarding safe practices and operations to reduce the spread of Covid-19 and to take all practicable measures to ensure the health and safety of all persons at the Center.

General Operating Protocols

The following protocols will be instituted:

- All persons will practice social distancing and will be required to wear face coverings while at the Center.
- All persons are expected to practice good hygiene habits, regularly disinfecting spaces, and to practice frequent and thorough hand washing.
- No one should enter the Center if they have been ill at all for the previous 14 days and/or have a fever above 100 degrees.
- Informational signs regarding Cov-19 and the Prevention of the Spread of Germs will be posted throughout the Center.
- The Center will provide disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, antibacterial soap and tissues in each classroom.

New/Revised Operating Procedures (SOP)

Adult and Teen In Person Classes

For in-person classes for adults and teens we have prepared for the possibility of a communicable disease affecting our programs. Good hygiene habits, regularly disinfecting spaces, and frequent and thorough hand washing are easy preventative measures for all illnesses. We are following the best practices from a number of sources including:

- the recommendations of the [Centers for Disease Control](#)
- the recommendations from the [World Health Organization](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#)
- [Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:](#)

Further precautions may be put in place as the current health situation and public health recommendations evolve.

Staff will follow these protocols to prevent and respond to illness:

- Staff will regularly wipe down and disinfect tables, doorknobs, and commonly touched areas with disinfectants. Instructors are to record the date/time of cleaning on the clipboard on the lobby desk with their initials.

- Registered students (adults and teens) are expected to self monitor their health and to determine whether they should be attending class on any given day. This includes having been exposed to COVID-19 or feeling flu-like symptoms 14 days prior to a class; and/or having a temperature above 100 degrees (F) in the previous 48 hours prior to class.
- If the center has cases of COVID-19, AOY will be notified by local health officials and AOY will follow the recommendations for any contact tracing required.
- AOY will provide these protocols to all registrants and instructors will need to remind students at the beginning of class of the same.
- Instructors should take attendance each session.
- AOY will provide PPE for all staff and instructors in the form of a face mask to be worn during classes.
- There should not be any shared food until further notice.

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