



## School's Out Camp Create COVID-19 Statement October 1, 2020

We are looking forward to School's Out Days at the Stupp Center! We always look forward to greeting our child, and despite the challenges of a global pandemic, this year is no exception!

We will try to keep the main elements of what makes each School's Out Day memorable, while making some necessary adjustments due to the ongoing Covid-19 global pandemic.

The purpose of this document is to inform you of the steps Artscope is taking to maintain a safe, healthy and clean environment. **Please read the following information carefully. The form on the last page must be signed and returned before your child attends a School's Out Day.**

We ask for your patience and understanding as we implement policies and procedures designed to keep everyone safe. We also ask for adaptability as things change. At Artscope, safety and security are our number one concern.

One of the perks of being in a public park are the wide-open spaces we enjoy. We are fortunate that at School's Out we can, weather permitting, spend a LOT of our time outside in the natural spaces the park offers. We are also fortunate to have the use of the Stupp Center in Tower Grove Park for our School's Out Days instead of our too-small Cottage. The small number of students and the large open space inside the Stupp Center will allow us to safely social distance indoors.

The information compiled in this document has been sourced from many organizations, including:

- The American Camp Association (ACA)
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- The City of St. Louis Department of Public Health

### **Prepare your child before they come to School's Out:**

- If your child has a pre-existing condition, consult your physician/health care provider to determine if attending School's Out is still appropriate.
- Know the symptoms of COVID-19.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- Monitor your child's temperature and overall health for 14 days prior to coming to School's Out. Childs must be symptom-free for 14 days prior to arrival.

- Review with your child the “Three C’s” for preventing the spread of infection:
  - Cover your cough/sneeze with either a tissue, or cough/sneeze into the elbow.
  - Clean your hands often.
  - Contain germs by practicing physical/social distancing.
- Review proper handwashing techniques with your child. For handwashing guidelines, see this video from the Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d914EnpU4Fo>
- Physical/social distancing: Limit your child’s exposure to large groups and people outside your immediate household. Work with your child to help them understand that everyone must practice “physical distancing” as much as possible (remaining 6 feet apart) and only interact with the people in their immediate group.
- Face covering/mask: Stress with your child that they may be asked to wear a mask at all times inside the Stupp Center, and if we are in a situation outdoors where social distancing is not possible. Instruct them on how to properly wear a mask (mask must cover both the mouth and the nose). Wear a different mask every day, or properly wash the mask daily.

### **Every morning before you come to School’s Out:**

- Take your child’s temperature. If it is 100 degrees F or greater, do not attend.
- Refrain from carpooling with other families. They may not be in the same group as your child.
- If possible, only bring the child(s) that you are dropping off. If possible, avoid bringing extra family members or pets with you.

### **Drop off and Pick up at the Stupp Center**

After you turn into the park from Grand Avenue, make an immediate left. You will see the Stupp Center up ahead on your left, and the Sons of Rest picnic shelter on the right. For ease of the drop off process, it is best if you drive past the Stupp Center, turn around with a 3-point turn and pull up to the curb in front of the Stupp Center, where an Artscope staff member will meet you at your car.

#### **Drop off:**

- Remain in your vehicle. .
- Wait for a staff person to approach your vehicle.
- This person will conduct a temperature check on your child (see below).
- On the first day, this person will also collect your waiver form and verify all relevant information, such as who is authorized to pick up your child, emergency contact information, and so on.
- Say your goodbyes in the vehicle. Make sure your child has everything they need!
- After the screening, your child may exit and join their group.
- After unloading, please pull away as quickly as possible and exit to make room for others.

#### **Pickup:**

- Take the same route, entering the park from Grand Avenue

- It's helpful to post a sign with your child's name on the passenger side of your windshield, large enough to be read by our staff.
- Remain in your vehicle.
- Pull up to the designated stop sign.
- Wait for a staff person to approach your vehicle.
- Give the staff person the child's name. The teaching artists will escort the child to the vehicle.
- After loading, you may pull away.

**If you are running late:**

If you cannot drop off at the designated time (8:45-9:00 pm), you MUST call ahead to make arrangements, DO NOT ENTER THE STUPP CENTER OR APPROACH THE GROUP OUTSIDE WITH YOUR CHILD. CALL 314-865-0060 OR CALL PROGRAM DIRECTOR CARRIE AT (314) 766-0435 AND SOMEBODY WILL COME TO YOUR CAR TO ASSIST YOU.

After calling, wait with your child in the vehicle until the staff person greets you. This person will still need to do the screening and temperature check before your child can join their group.

**If you need to pick up your child early:**

If your child cannot stay until the regular pick up time of 3:00 pm, then YOU MUST CALL AHEAD CALL TO (314) 865-0060 OR CALL PROGRAM DIRECTOR CARRIE AT (314) 766-0435 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. DO NOT ENTER THE GROUNDS OR THE STUPP CENTER TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD.

Remain in your car until the staff person comes to you with the child(s), verifies your information, and signs out your child(s).

**Daily temperature checks and screenings:**

**Staff and Junior Counselors:**

Upon arrival, all camp staff and Junior Counselor will receive a temperature check. Anyone with a temperature of 100+ degrees, or displaying visible symptoms of Covid-19 will not be allowed.

**Temperature check:**

- At drop off, a staff person will need to check your child's temperature with a touchless forehead thermometer before the child is allowed to join their camp group.
- Your child will not be allowed to attend camp if:
  - They have a fever of 100 degrees F or higher
  - They have not had their temperature checked
  - They have visible symptoms of Covid-19

**If your child develops symptoms during the day:**

- The child will be asked to wear a mask/face covering, and isolated from the group by making sure they are at least 6 feet away from anyone else. The Executive or Program Director will call the parent and ask them to pick up the child within one hour.
- Please note that your child will not be allowed to return without providing proof of a negative test for Covid-19.
- If your child develops symptoms after leaving camp, guidelines recommend that you inform us if your child develops symptoms after attending camp, up to 14 days later.

**Face coverings and masks**

**Staff:** All staff and volunteers, including junior counselors, will be required to wear face coverings or masks when conducting art or other activities inside the Stupp Center, or at any other time when a social distance of 6 feet cannot be maintained.

**Children:** Masks are required at all times, for all people, inside the Stupp Center.

- You will be asked to send a mask or other face covering with your child. Artscope will provide paper masks if the child forgot one and it becomes necessary.
- Children will be asked to wear their masks inside the Stupp Center, and whenever they are outside it is not possible to maintain physical or social distancing. Children will spend a lot of time outside, and when we are outside, it will generally be possible to maintain social distance from others. In this case, students will be able to remove their masks if they choose.
- The face covering must completely cover the mouth and nose. Bandanas or scarves are not considered acceptable face covering.

**Healthy Hand Hygiene**

- Your child will be asked frequently to wash their hands with soap for a minimum of 20 seconds during camp. When outside and away from a handwashing station, hand sanitizer may be used instead.
- Times to wash hands include, but are not limited to:
  - Before and after eating lunch and/or snacks
  - After using the restroom
  - Before and after art making, games or other activities
  - After sneezing or coughing
- Staff will also supervise the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Watch this video from the CDC on handwashing.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/videos.html>

**Cleaning & Disinfecting Facilities and Equipment**

- We have implemented enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures. We will use cleaning and disinfecting products from the CDC's list of approved cleaners. <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- High touch surfaces will be wiped down frequently throughout the day.
- Children and staff will wash hands regularly using soap and water.
- Items used in art, activities and games will be cleaned before and after use, as appropriate.
- Each camp group will have its own source of supplies, to minimize the sharing of supplies between children from different groups.

### **Group size:**

- The children will be in two discrete groups. Each group will have no more than 9 campers, 1 teaching artist and 1 Junior Counselor volunteer. Siblings and children who live in the same household will be in the same group whenever possible.
- The children will stay with the same group the entire day, physically distanced from the other group. They will stay with the same teaching artist and Junior Counselor for the day.

### **Personal belongings:**

- Only the child will be allowed to handle their belongings. Items brought by children are not allowed to be shared between children. Our staff will not handle any belongings brought by children.
- Each child will be assigned an area to put their belongings. Please only have them bring what they need (and really they only need lunch and a water bottle).
- Remind your children not to share or trade their lunch and snack items with other children.

### **Activities involving more than one group:**

- Activities and games that in the past have combined multiple groups will be discontinued to comply with physical/social distancing unless they can be conducted while maintaining separation between the two groups.

### **From from the American Camp Association:**

“The Covid-19 Pandemic is on-going. The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person to person contact. Federal and state officials recommend social distancing as a means to prevent the spread of the virus. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participation in this organization's programs or accessing their facilities could increase this risk. This organization in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in our programs or accessing our facilities.”

Because this is a fluid situation, we will update as needed. We will notify you of any changes to these guidelines. We appreciate your patience, understanding, and flexibility, as this is a new situation for all of us.

We want School's Out to be as positive an experience as possible. Feedback is always appreciated; if you see something, please say something to our staff.

Questions may be sent directly to Emily Kohring, Executive Director at [emily.kohring@artscopestl.org](mailto:emily.kohring@artscopestl.org)

We look forward to seeing you at School's Out!

## Artscope COVID-19 Waiver

PLEASE RETURN ON YOUR FAMILY'S FIRST DAY OF CAMP

After reviewing recommendations from the city of St. Louis, the State of Missouri, the CDC, and the American Camp Association, Artscope has developed a plan for responding to COVID-19. Aspects of the plan are highlighted below and are further described on our website and in a separate COVID-19 information document. This plan is subject to change as we receive more information and guidance from public health professionals.

1. It is Artscope's policy that no child may attend a program if they or any person living in their home, shows or has shown any symptoms of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to their arrival. And, no child may attend an Artscope program who has knowingly been in contact who has symptoms and/or who tested positive for COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the start of their session.
2. Childs and Staff who have a fever without the ability to confirm that it is not a result of COVID-19 will be asked to leave.

By signing this waiver, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and am willing to abide by the Artscope COVID-19 policy.

By signing this waiver, I further acknowledge that:

1. There is a chance that myself or my child could be exposed to COVID-19 at the camp facility and that Artscope will not be held accountable. While Artscope is taking precautions and trying to keep everyone safe, they do not promise a COVID-19 free environment.
2. I have a strategy in place and I am prepared, if needed to pick up my child within one hour should they show symptoms of COVID-19. Artscope is not prepared to house children or staff who show symptoms of COVID-19. Therefore any child or staff with a fever will be sent home.
3. I have been advised of the need to prevent my child from having close physical contact with anyone who is over the age of 65 or otherwise in a medically compromised condition for 14 days after returning home from Artscope's School's Out program.

Child(ren) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_