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Enhanced Safety Protocols at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey

As we reinstate in-person instruction, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey’s utmost concern is for the well-being of our students and staff. We are monitoring the best available guidance and will adjust our policies and practices as needed when new information becomes available. To promote the safest environment we can, we have implemented the following protocols:

- All classes and workshops will have reduced class size. The maximum class size will be determined by the studio where the class or workshop takes place.
- In all studios, we are marking individual work spaces to promote social distancing of at least 6-feet.
- Upon entry, everyone will be temperature and wellness screened. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be permitted to enter.
- Everyone in the building will be required to wear a face covering, with the exception of those with a medical exemption for an underlying health condition.
- We will provide hand sanitizer stations at the entrance of every studio.
- We will provide disinfecting wipes to be used by staff and students at the start and end of each class, and will undergo a deep cleaning every night using cleaning solution recommended by the CDC.
- We have upgraded our HVAC filters to a higher caliber MERV 13 filter, and will replace the filters frequently. The HVAC fans run continuously to increase the number of complete room air exchanges per hour, and the dampers are open to allow fresh air to mix with filtered air.
- Until further notice, we will not allow use of vending machines, water fountains, and coffee stations.

We are confident these measures create a safe environment for our students. If you would like more information, or to speak with a member of the coronavirus-response committee, please email us at studioschool@artcenternj.org.