

# Smithsonian Associates Studio Arts – COVID19 Protocols for In Person Classes

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Since our beginnings over 50 years ago, Smithsonian Associates has focused on providing *worry-free*, enriching, and enjoyable educational experiences for our lifelong learners. The well-being of our guests and staff members has always been our highest priority. The COVID-19 pandemic has posed new challenges but our commitment to these priorities remains unchanged.

We know the decision to join an in-person program is one where each of us must determine our own comfort level. To help you make your decision, we have outlined below the health and safety measures we are taking across all facets of our in-person programs.

We have worked with the Smithsonian COVID-19 Task force to develop these measures, in accordance with CDC and Smithsonian guidelines. As the situation is fluid, we will be updating this document as we obtain any new information or guidance.

**By registering for an in-person program, participants acknowledge they understand the risk factors involved in traveling during the pandemic and the preventative measures that are expected to be followed to mitigate exposure to COVID-19.**

## **PRIOR TO YOUR STUDIO ARTS CLASS**

### **Preparing for your class**

To help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, all Smithsonian Associates participants will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (with the final dose received at least 14 days prior to your class) and present proof of vaccination. These requirements apply for all Smithsonian Associates in-person programs unless otherwise specified.

**All attendees will be required to show their vaccination card or a photo of their vaccination card along with a photo ID upon check-in at all programs.** As a safeguard, we recommend you take a photo of your card in the event the card is misplaced or lost.

### **Smithsonian Associates Participants**

In order to provide a safe experience for our guests, we also need your help. By participating in an in-person class, you agree to make the following commitments to health and safety:

- You will present proof of COVID-19 vaccination (with the final dose received at least 14 days prior to your class) if you are 12 years of age and above.
- You will take reasonable measures to reduce the risk of exposure and follow all CDC guidelines, prior to, and throughout your class.
- You will wear a face mask while inside the classroom and practice social distancing
- You will conduct a self-health assessment prior to joining the class and stay home if you are sick.

Failure to comply with the safety and commitments during the tour may result in your being excluded from the class

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## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

During this time, we aim to be as flexible as possible. If you present any symptoms of COVID prior to the class, are deemed a close contact with anyone testing positive for COVID-19, or have tested positive yourself, please let us know and we will transfer your payment to a future program. If you have tested positive in the month prior to the class, please follow all guidelines set forth by your local health department as well as CDC guidelines.

## **AFTER YOUR CLASS**

Participants will be asked to inform Smithsonian Associates immediately if they develop COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days following the program. Participants agree to be contacted by Smithsonian for COVID-19 contact tracing efforts if necessary.