



# Smithsonian Associates Studio Arts COVID-19 Guidelines for In-Person Classes

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We know the decision to join an in-person program is one where each of us must determine our own comfort level. **The Smithsonian has safety measures in place to protect the health of our visitors, staff, and volunteers based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local governments and may adjust those measures based on changing CDC COVID-19 Community Levels.** The CDC defines COVID-19 Community Levels by evaluating conditions at the county level. Smithsonian then aggregates CDC Community Level data for relevant counties, in addition to other factors, to determine Smithsonian Regional Levels.

**For students registering for an in-person Studio Arts class, please be advised that safety and mitigation measures will be enacted or rescinded following a change in the Smithsonian Regional Level for COVID-19. All students will be notified of any changes to policies that may occur after you register or at any point during your multi-week course.**

## Mitigations based on Smithsonian Regional Levels for COVID-19

| LOW                                 | MEDIUM                                      | HIGH   |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>DAILY HEALTH SCREENING</b>       |   |  |
| Required                            | Required                                    | Required   |
| <b>MASK USAGE INDOORS</b>           |   |  |
| Voluntary                           | Recommended                                 | Mandatory  |
| <b>SOCIAL DISTANCING</b>            |   |  |
| Voluntary                           | Recommended                                 | Mandatory  |
| <b>OTHER STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY</b> |   |  |
|                                     | Stay home if you are sick or have symptoms. | Stay home if you are sick or have symptoms.<br><br>Other measures may be enacted including program postponement or transition to a virtual platform. |

**Note:** As COVID-19 mitigations continue to change, students are asked to kindly review the Smithsonian Associates refund policy <https://smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/help/refund-policy> prior to enrolling in a Studio Arts class.

As always, our classrooms will continue to be a mask-friendly environment and social distancing is still encouraged. We also ask anyone who is sick or feels unwell to please stay home. Updated information about Smithsonian’s COVID-19 guidelines and safety measures can be found online at <https://www.si.edu/visit/tips>.