

Darlington Arts Center
Health and Safety Plan

Darlington Arts Center takes health and safety precautions very seriously, and we want to ensure our students and their families that we will continue providing a safe and healthy experience onsite. In accordance with CDC data and recommendations as well as data from our neighboring school districts, Darlington will adapt their policies to the following beginning **April 11, 2022**:

A mask fully covering the mouth and nose is RECOMMENDED when participating in indoor activities at Darlington Arts Center by all who are older than 2 years of age. If a person arrives without a mask and would like one, Darlington will provide a disposable mask for the day's activities.

As of April 6, 2022, the CDC risk data shows that Delaware County, Chester County and New Castle County, DE are at a low risk level. Should the risk level data from the CDC increase to a higher level, Darlington Arts Center reserves the right to mandate masks indoors again.

ALL ACTIVITIES:

- ***It is strongly encouraged that only students and staff are in the building*** while classes and lessons are occurring. Parents and family members may be in the building lobby and hallways provided social distancing between families is taking place. Drop offs and pickups for all activities may occur at our main entrance.
- Social distancing will be practiced during all activities.
- Food and drink are not permitted in our lobby or hallways.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and handwashing will be encouraged.
- Anyone who exhibits signs of illness or has been exposed to someone exhibiting signs of illness should not attend Darlington activities.
- In the event of a state mandated closure, Darlington programs will immediately transition to online learning.
- All questions or concerns should be addressed to Darlington's office. PH: 610.358.3632 or eric@darlingtonarts.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS:

- Classes will be limited to 10 students in order to practice social distancing.
- Adult Visual Art Classes will be capped at 6 students.

PRIVATE LESSONS

- Lessons in voice, reeds or brass will have proper social distance between student and teaching artist.
- It is strongly encouraged that only the student and Teaching Artist are in the lesson room during in-person lessons. Parents may use zoom to observe the lesson.
- Private Lesson rooms will be sanitized as needed.

ARTS ALL DAY, CAMP, AND PRESCHOOL GUIDELINES:

- Classes will be limited to 10 children per class. If multiple groups are in attendance, the groups will not mix.
- Students will bring their own lunch and snack and eat outside (or inside in unfavorable weather conditions) with social distancing with their designated group. Individual bottled water will be made available.
- Students will be dropped off and picked up in a designated area inside of Darlington's main entrance. A Darlington staff member will facilitate sign in and sign out
- Any performances will be live-streamed or recorded. Limited in-person audiences will be permitted.
- Students are encouraged to wear clothes that can get messy or bring their own smock.

IN CASE OF PROBABLE/CONFIRMED ILLNESS:

- Staff and students will be notified immediately of exposure due to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 and asked to follow CDC guidelines for exposure, listed on the next page.
- In the instance of quarantine due to exposure or illness, the student may use virtual means to participate in the activity.

In case of exposure to COVID 19 or an instance where a student or staff member tests positive, Darlington Arts Center will hold to the guidelines set forth by the CDC for unvaccinated individuals. If the student or staff member is willing to share their vaccination records with our Executive Director, we will follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC for vaccinated individuals.

Please read below for the updated CDC guidelines:

Quarantine vs. Isolation

- You [quarantine](#) when you might have been exposed to the virus and may or may not have been infected.
- You [isolate](#) when you have been infected with the virus, even if you don't have symptoms.

Quarantine

Quarantine if you have been in [close contact](#) (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19, unless you have been [fully vaccinated](#). People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have [symptoms](#). However, fully vaccinated people should get tested at least 5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 10 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

What to do if you need to quarantine:

- Stay home for 5 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or [other symptoms](#) of COVID-19.
- If possible, stay away from people you live with, especially people who are at [higher risk](#) for getting very sick from COVID-19.

After quarantine:

- Watch for symptoms until 10 days after exposure.
- If you have symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact your local public health authority or healthcare provider.

Isolation

Isolation is used to separate people infected with COVID-19 from those who are not infected.

People who are in isolation should stay home until it's safe for them to be around others. At home, anyone sick or infected should separate from others, stay in a specific "sick room" or area, and use a separate bathroom (if available).

For isolation, day 1 is your first day of symptoms.

If you test positive for COVID-19 and **never** develop symptoms, day 1 is the day of your positive viral test (based on the date you were tested). If you develop symptoms after testing positive, your 5-day isolation period must start over. Day 1 is your first day of symptoms.

What to do:

- Monitor your symptoms. If you have an [emergency warning sign](#) (including trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately.
- Stay in a separate room from other household members, if possible.
- Use a separate bathroom, if possible.
- Avoid contact with other members of the household and pets.
- Don't share personal household items, like cups, towels, and utensils.
- [Wear a mask](#) when around other people if able.

I think or know I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms

You can be around others after:

- 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving*

**Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation*

Note that these recommendations **do not** apply to people with severe COVID-19 or with weakened immune systems (immunocompromised).

Darlington Staff may require a temperature scan prior to the first class upon return.