



Port Moody Art Centre Society

COVID-19 Safety Plan

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INTRODUCTION

The safety of our PoMoArts community is our top priority. To ensure a healthy, creative and safe environment for everyone, we have developed this COVID-19 Safety Plan following the guidance (and health orders) of the BC Ministry of Health, BC Centre for Disease Control, Fraser Health, the BC Ministry of Education, Work Safe BC, School District No. 43 and the City of Port Moody.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your support. These are challenging times, but with your cooperation, we can ensure that every effort is made to keep our community safe.

This plan was updated on March 31st 2021 and will remain in effect as long as mandated by public health authorities. We are closely monitoring the situation and will adapt our safety protocols as required. Any updates will be posted to our website.

OVERVIEW

PoMoArts is open and operating across two buildings (our traditional facility located at 2425 St. Johns St. and Kyle Centre located at 125 Kyle Street - see [Site Map](#) for details), offering the following activities:

- Visits to the Gallery & Blackberry Artists Gift Shop
- In-person group visual arts and ceramics classes for individuals up to 21 yrs. old. (including Pro D Day and Spring/Summer Art Camps).
- In-person one-on-one instrumental music lessons, visual arts classes and very limited pre-scheduled open studio activities.
- In person registration/inquires *
- Online visual arts classes and music lessons including voice.

When Public Health Orders allow, we look forward to resuming in person ceramic and visual arts classes for those 22 yrs. and over.

Our Rental, Birthday Party, After-Camp Care programs will remain closed.

**We encourage the public to continue to make inquiries/registrations over the phone (604.931.2008 ext. 0) or by emailing us at info@pomoarts.ca. However, in-person service will be available if needed.*

IN THE EVENT OF A CLOSURE

a.) Short Term Closure

In the event that public health authorities mandate a short term closure, in-person music lessons and visual arts classes will immediately move online, maintaining the planned schedule of lessons. The digital gallery will continue to operate and all gallery activities will move online as per the planned schedule.

Ceramics classes will not be cancelled but will instead be rescheduled once the closure is over.

Existing online classes and music lessons, including voice, will proceed as planned.

b.) Long Term or Indefinite Closure

In the event that public health authorities mandate a long term or indefinite closure, in-person music lessons and visual arts classes will move online maintaining the planned schedule of lessons. The digital gallery will continue to operate and all gallery activities will move online as per the planned schedule.

Ceramic classes will be cancelled and pro-rated refunds offered to students.

Existing online classes and music lessons, including voice, will proceed as planned.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Classes & Music Lessons:

Weekdays: 10:30am-9pm

Weekends: 10am-4:30pm

*Gallery:

Weekdays: 11am-8:30pm

Weekends: 10:30am-4:30pm

*Blackberry Artists Gift Shop:

7days/week: 12pm-4pm

**Note, the Gallery and Gift Shop will be closed to the public while new exhibits are installed from April 6-13, ^{May} 13-19, June 21-28, Aug. 12-18, Sept. 17-22, Oct. 29-Nov. 10.*

We are closed on all statutory holidays and on Easter Weekend from April 2-5, 2021

SAFETY PRACTICES

I. HEALTH VERIFICATION & SCREENING

As the pandemic evolves, the list of symptoms associated with COVID-19 and recommendations based on the symptom type have also evolved. For the most up to date information, please visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/testing-information>

a.) Employees, Volunteers, Tenants:

All Employees, Volunteers and Tenants are required to self-monitor daily for the development of symptoms associated with COVID-19 and sign a pandemic health certification form daily, prior to moving through our facilities. If symptomatic, they must stay at home.

b.) Students:

At Time of Registration:

Students (or parents/guardians if under 19 years) must certify that they are not experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19, and/or have not returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days; and/or have not been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak of COVID-19, and/or have not been told to self-isolate by Public Health.

After Registration and for the Full Duration of the Class:

Students (or parents/guardians if under 19 years) must self-monitor daily for the development of any symptoms associated with COVID-19 and if symptomatic, **MUST** stay at home. Our withdrawal and refund policies have been adjusted to allow students experiencing symptoms to stay at home without incurring any financial penalty (See [PoMoArts Program Policies](#) for details).

Screening Prior to Entering Classroom:

Instructors will conduct a Health Check (see [Health Verification Check](#)) prior to allowing students entry into the classroom. Students (or parents/guardians on behalf of students under 19 years) who answer yes to any of the questions, will **NOT** be permitted entry.

**Note: If symptoms are the result of allergies or another medical condition, students (or parents/guardians if under 19 years) must notify PoMoArts at least 3 days prior to the class start date AND take the necessary medication/treatment to manage symptoms during class. PoMoArts reserves the right to ask anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms at our facilities to leave at our discretion, regardless of prior notification of allergies or other medical conditions in the absence of accompanying medical certification.*

c.) Gallery and Other Public Visitors:

All visitors are expected to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Those experiencing symptoms, and/or returning from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days, and/or who have been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak of COVID-19, and/or have been told by Public Health to self-isolate are **NOT** permitted into our facilities.

II. MANDATORY MASK USE

a.) Employees

All employees (including instructors) must wear a mask at all times. Masks may only be removed if an employee is working alone behind closed doors, to eat or **for the duration of time required to communicate with a hard of hearing/deaf individual.**

b.) Students

All students, **over the age of 8,** must wear a mask at all times while in our facilities.

A face shield may not be worn in place of a mask, however it may be worn in addition to a mask.

Individuals requiring a mask exemption due to a health condition, physical, cognitive or mental impairment or who cannot remove a mask on their own, are required to provide appropriate medical documentation to Customer Service no later than 3 days prior to the class start date.

Masks must be securely in place before entering our facilities and may only be removed if eating.

If required, disposable masks will be available for purchase from your Instructor for \$1.

Please note, guidelines on masks have recently changed to include a recommendation of 3 layers of fabric including a filter. For the most up to date information, please visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks/masks>

c.) Gallery and Other Public Visitors

All visitors over the **age of 8,** must wear a cloth or disposable mask at all times while in our facilities. **Individuals who cannot wear a mask due to a health condition, physical, cognitive or mental impairment or who cannot remove a mask on their own,** must diligently maintain social distancing of 2 meters/ 6 feet from all others outside their family “pod”.

Masks must be securely in place prior to entering our facilities. If required, masks will be available for purchase from reception for \$1.

III. SOCIAL DISTANCING

Everyone at PoMoArts is required to maintain at least 2 meters/6 feet distance from others wherever possible AND keep your mask on.

IV. BUILDING & CLASSROOM ACCESS

PoMoArts programs will be spread over two buildings (our traditional facility at 2425 St. Johns Street and Kyle Centre at 125 Kyle Street). Both buildings share a single parking lot that can be accessed at the intersection of St Andrews and Kyle St.

Each program will take place within an area exclusively designated for it, with its own entry/exit point (managed by the classroom instructor), washroom (whenever possible) and hand sanitizing station (see [Site Map](#) for full details).

Class times will be staggered to prevent interactions between arriving and departing students.

a.) Students:

Students should **NOT** go to the main reception area, unless taking music lessons.

CAREFULLY REVIEW the [Site Map](#) to locate the entry point for your class and go directly there.

The location of your classroom will be listed on your registration receipt and in your class reminder email.

If you are still not sure where to go, contact Customer Service (604-931-2008 ext. 0 or info@pomoarts.ca) **PRIOR** to arriving.

Visual Arts & Ceramic Students:

- Please line up while maintaining 2 meters/6 feet distance) outside your classroom door until the Instructor opens it.
- Floor decals have been installed outside all entry points.

Music Students:

- Go straight inside the main entrance, let reception know you are a music student and go straight up the stairs to your designated music studio.
- Music students or parental accompaniment **CANNOT** visit the gallery while waiting. To visit the gallery, exit the building and join the gallery line up.

b.) Gallery Visitors:

- Line up while maintaining 2 meters/6 feet distance outside the gallery door using the floor decals as a guide.
- If the gallery is at capacity, Customer Service will put a sign on the door. Please wait outside until they indicate it's safe to enter again.
- Once inside the gallery, follow the one-way directional signage until you exit through the designated exit point.

c.) All Other Visitors:

- Line up while maintaining 2 meters/6 feet distance outside the gallery door using the floor decals as a guide.
- If you see more than 5 people in the reception area (excluding Customer Service), wait outside until someone leaves.
- When inside the reception area, follow floor decals and stay behind the acrylic barrier around the reception desk.

**Note, all reception seating has been eliminated. Inquiries and program registration support can also be provided over the phone or by email.*

V. CLASS SIZES, CONFIGURATION & TRAFFIC FLOW

a.) Class Sizes

All class sizes have been substantially reduced allowing each student a minimum of 5m² each, and adequately distanced walking pathways. As of January 13th, 2021, class sizes have been reduced even further out of an abundance of caution.

For classes with children 10 years and younger, there will be a 1:5 teaching staff to student ratio, with class sizes capped at a maximum of 10 students, including for Camp and Pro D days.

b.) Room Configuration

All students will have a "bubble" (clearly marked on the floor) to themselves, containing a workstation for their exclusive use.

Workstations will consist of:

- 6 ft. table or easel and chair for Visual Arts classes
- 6 ft. table, wheel and stool for Ceramics Classes
- Piano (if appropriate) and seating for Music Lessons.

Students must stay within their "bubbles" and keep all tools and personal belongings inside including jackets.

c.) Traffic Flow

Traffic flow will be managed by the Instructor as required to safely direct students one-at-a time from their “bubble” to the hand washing station or for bathroom access. Otherwise, everyone should remain within their “bubbles” for the full duration of the class.

VI. STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

To limit interactions between arriving and departing students, please arrive and line up outside your classroom **ONLY** at the designated time.

Drop-Off Times:

Visual Arts Classes: Arrive no more than 5 mins prior to class time

Ceramic Classes: Arrive exactly on time and ring the doorbell at ceramic entrance

Music Lessons: Arrive exactly on time and go straight to your designated music studio

Pick-Up Times:

Visual Arts and Ceramic Classes:

- The instructor will direct each student to leave one-by-one.
- Minor children will stay at their workstation till the parent arrives at the exit door to pick them up.

Music Lessons:

- Students will exit down the stairs and out the gallery door, without making any stops or lingering in the gallery area.

VII. PARENTAL ACCOMPAINMENT

Visual Arts and Ceramic Classes:

- One parent/guardian **MUST** accompany young children in the line up outside the classroom door and answer the health verification check.
- The parent may then immediately leave, wait in in the parking lot, or wait inside 2425 St. Johns Street, in the parental accompaniment area in the Youth Artists Boardroom (see [Site Map](#) for details).

Music Lessons:

- One parent/guardian of minor children may accompany the child to the music studio and wait in one of the designated parental waiting spots (see [Site Map](#) for details).

VIII. CAMP & PRO D DAY PROTOCOLS

- Students will arrive via the entrance of their designated classroom and will stay at their workstation and within their marked 'bubble' for the duration of the morning class and to eat lunch, handwashing in between.
- After eating, students will go outside to the lawn area directly adjacent to the parking lot if weather permits, or to another clean room. Using hula hoops to maintain appropriate social distancing, they will be directed to play non-strenuous games, while the instructor cleans the workstation for the afternoon session.
- They will hand wash again at the end of the play period and proceed with their afternoon class activities at their workstations and within their "bubble".
- Students will be supervised at all times.
- Classes with children 10 years or younger will have a 1:5 teaching staff to student ratio at all times and will be capped at a maximum of 10 students.
- Lunch times will be staggered to prevent interactions between class cohorts.

IX. CLASS SUPPLIES & PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Visual Arts and Ceramic Classes:

- Most students will be given their own set of tools as part of their class supply package.
- Instruction on proper cleaning and disinfection of tools will be provided during each class. Instructors will clean tools of minor children.
- Use of any shared tools required for class (kept to an absolute minimum) will be managed by the Instructor and cleaned by them between uses.

Music Lessons:

- Music students will provide their own instruments and will be responsible for keeping them clean.
- Two pianos will be provided in each piano studio, one for the exclusive use of the student and the other for the Instructor. The student instrument will be cleaned and disinfected by the Instructor between lessons.

Personal Belongings:

- Should be kept to a minimum.
- Please only bring what can fit into a small bag or knapsack (children should not bring toys).
- All belongings, including shoes and jacket must stay within your "bubble".
- Smocks will no longer be provided. Dress appropriately or bring your own.

X. CLEANING PROTOCOLS

- Both facilities will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized daily
- Washrooms will be cleaned twice a day
- Cleaning protocols specific to classroom activities and equipment have been established and will be followed rigorously.
- High Touch surfaces in common areas will be cleaned and disinfected often.

XI. HANDWASHING & HYGIENE

a.) Handwashing

Everyone entering the premises will be expected to sanitize their hands:

- Upon arrival at PoMoArts and before departure
- Before and after handling food or drink
- After using the washroom or helping a child use the washroom
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty
- Before and after smoking, handling contact lenses or applying makeup
- After playing outside (if applicable for children during Camp and Pro D day lunch breaks).
- After sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose
- After handling shared objects
- Before touching eyes, nose, mouth or face.

Hand sanitizing stations consisting of a sink with hot water, disinfecting soap and paper towels, and/or a Health Canada approved Alcohol Sanitizer will be available in every room.

b.) Cough and Sneeze Etiquette

Everyone entering the premises will be expected to follow proper cough/sneeze etiquette:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a sleeve or tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Use tissues to contain secretions, and dispose of them promptly in a waste container
- Turn your head away from others when coughing or sneezing
- Wash hands regularly

Tissues and waste containers will be visible and available in all rooms.

c.) Food and Drink

- All kitchen facilities including access to microwaves, refrigeration, electric kettles, coffee machines, etc. will be closed. Prepare your food accordingly.
- We are a nut-free zone, please ensure food and drinks are prepared accordingly

- No water fountains will be available, bring your own water and any other required beverages.
- You are required to take all food leftovers, food packaging, utensils home with you in your sealed food container.
- No sharing of utensils, food or drink.
- All food and drink for children should come in containers that they can open by themselves.
- Program participants in Camps or Pro D day will eat lunch outside if the weather permits, or indoors within their “bubble”.

d.) Other Hygiene Protocols to Remember

- Smocks will not be provided. Bring your own or wear something that can get dirty.
- Come with indoor shoes on.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Tie long hair back to discourage touching of face
- Use a socially distanced alternative to handshakes and hugs to greet your Instructor and Classmates

XII. SAFETY ORIENTATION & BEHAVIOURAL PROTOCOLS

Instructors will review and demonstrate (where appropriate) the following during the first class, with regular reminders and ongoing modelling subsequently:

- Room layout, permitted traffic flow
- Entry and Exit procedures
- Hygiene and Handwashing requirements
- Tool use, sharing and workstation cleaning protocols
- PPE requirements

For children’s classes, instructors will review and demonstrate each technique before every class and will facilitate regular practice throughout the class period.

Parents/guardians should also review proper hygiene technique with their children prior to their arrival at PoMoArts (see for guidance: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks/hand-washing>).

Instructors will use the ABCD Hygiene Protocol, FISH Protocol, the 3B’s protocol and behavioural policy outlined in the [PoMoArts Program Policies](#).

XIII. SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS AT POMOARTS

If a student or visitor arrives at PoMoArts exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or becomes exhibits COVID-19 symptoms while on our premises (*and cannot provide a doctor's note to verify that the symptoms are due to allergies or another medical condition*), PoMoArts will take the following steps:

- Separate the symptomatic individual to an isolated area, keeping them 2 meters/6 feet away from others along the isolation route. (A separate isolation area has been designated for each building with a specific route, to prevent contact with others en-route).
- The symptomatic individual will be given a new mask if needed, hand sanitizer, and all windows in the isolation area will be opened. The accompanying employee will wear a mask and other designated PPE and stay 2 meters/6 feet from the symptomatic individual.
- The employee will stay with the symptomatic individual and fill out a PoMoArts Incident Report. This information may be required by public health authorities later on.
- If applicable (or if the individual is under 19 years), PoMoArts will inform their emergency contact to pick them up as soon as possible. All symptomatic individuals are advised to avoid taking public transportation.
- Emergency contacts will be given a mask, hand sanitizer and gloves.
- PoMoArts will contact 811 or the local public health authority to notify them of a potential COVID-19 case and seek further input
- Other students or visitors in close contact with the symptomatic individual will be notified and asked to monitor their health and to report any concerns to their healthcare provider.

In cases of a dispute between PoMoArts and symptomatic individual (and/or their parent/guardian) regarding the severity of the symptoms or whether they are COVID-19 symptoms, the judgement of PoMoArts will prevail.

XIV. RETURNING TO POMOARTS

Symptomatic individuals may return to PoMoArts after completing the recommended isolation period from the onset of symptoms and until all symptoms resolve, whichever is longer, in cases where testing is NOT recommended: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/testing-information>.

Symptomatic individuals who were advised to take a test and tested positive, or inconclusive or chose not to take a test, may only return to PoMoArts after self-isolating a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms **AND** until all symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.

Symptomatic individuals who were advised to take a test and tested negative, may only return to PoMoArts after providing us with the appropriate medial documentation verifying the results, or after self-isolating for 10 days or until all symptoms resolve, whichever is longer, if you opt not provide the documentation.

FEEDBACK

As always, we welcome and appreciate your feedback. Please email us at info@pomoarts.ca with comments.