

Art class COVID-19 Plan for students/instructors and other non-employees at Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Center, Oswald Visitor Center and Learning Center



Welcome Future Arboretum student,

If you are interested in attending an onsite art class at the Arboretum, we ask that you read, review and reply with an email that ensures you understand and agree to comply with all procedures and protocol surrounding COVID-19.

This document is to inform and require you to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Prior to arriving on Arboretum property you must take your temperature to rule out fever. If you do have a fever you are not allowed on site. Additionally, if you are sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms according to CDC guidelines or have been exposed to a positive case – (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) you are barred from entering Arboretum grounds. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

This list is not all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Once on Arboretum site all basic infection measures as advised by the CDC are in effect including:

Handwashing

- Basic infection prevention measures are being implemented at our workplaces at all times. Persons are instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day. A restroom will be available close to the classroom for this purpose- especially at the beginning and end of your class work onsite and after using the toilet. All visitors to the facility will be required to wash their hands prior to or immediately upon entering the facility. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Some areas may have hand-sanitizer dispensers (that use sanitizers of greater than 60% alcohol) that can be used for hand hygiene in place of soap and water, as long as hands are not visibly soiled. We encourage you to bring your own hand sanitizer.

The Tashjian Bee Center restroom will be cleaned/sanitized prior to and after your class. Please practice social distancing when using the onsite restroom facilities.

Respiratory etiquette: Cover your cough or sneeze

Workers and visitors are instructed to cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing and to avoid touching their face, in particular their mouth, nose and eyes, with their hands. They should dispose of tissues in the trash and wash or sanitize their hands immediately afterward. Respiratory etiquette will be demonstrated on posters and supported by making tissues and trash receptacles available to all workers and visitors. Respiratory etiquette is reviewed routinely with morning staff meetings.

Wear a facemask

- It is required that you must wear a facial covering (face mask) that covers your mouth and nose at all times when in indoor spaces or anywhere physical distancing is not possible.

Physical distancing: Put distance between yourself and other people.

Physical distancing is being implemented at the Arboretum and is required for all visitors and employees. Nuclear families are exempted from this requirement.

- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.
- Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
- Please respect all signage. Clear directions for individual and collective safety amidst limited access to Arboretum amenities is found on Arboretum signs.

Stay in your car until 30 minutes prior to the start of class

- At that time, you may proceed to the building and enter the classroom –adhering to all guidelines listed above.

Bring all of your own supplies

- You may not share supplies. Each class has instructions to “bring all your own supplies” with a suggested supply list or “supplies included”. If supplies are included, instructor will provide individual students’ supplies. Please refer to your class description and confirmation to understand which option your class has set up. If you have questions, you may contact the Education office or Wendy DePaolis. If the instructor provides any additional supplies such as particular paper or paint color in class, they will be yours to keep.
- Bring your own food and beverage for the day.
- I will attempt to keep open doors and windows if possible.

Thank you in advance for your strict adherence to this protocol.

If you have any questions regarding this protocol please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I look forward to seeing you in class.

Kindly,

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