



VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

## YOUTH STUDIO PROGRAMS | SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION PACKET

### VMFA'S SUMMER ART ADVENTURES FOR KIDS

We are looking forward to seeing you soon! In this packet, you will find helpful information on camp procedures and required forms, along with COVID-19 Protocols and FAQ's. **Please note that camp protocols are subject to change.** Updates will be emailed to you or posted online at [www.vmfa.museum/youth-studio/youth-summer-guidelines](http://www.vmfa.museum/youth-studio/youth-summer-guidelines).

### WHAT TO BRING

**FORMS** The forms (listed below) must be completed by a parent/guardian and **submitted in-person on the first day of camp** before the student can join us. Having forms ready to submit at check-in will accelerate the process (we also have extra forms, if needed).

**Emergency Information Form (required)**: Please complete a separate form for each child. A new form should be submitted any time you have updates or changes (i.e. a new emergency contact or allergy), or if your child is registered for a different VMFA program.

**Emergency Medication Permission Form (if necessary)**: VMFA Staff are not authorized to administer medications on a regular basis. *If a student is to self-carry a medication for use in the event of an emergency, it must be noted on the Emergency Information Form and clearly written instructions on the administration of medicine must be provided by the parent or legal guardian on the Emergency Medication Permission Form.* It is strongly advised that should your child need emergency medication, VMFA staff is notified at least two weeks ahead of the program via email: [youthstudio@vmfa.museum](mailto:youthstudio@vmfa.museum). If your child has an allergy of any kind, it is important to inform staff on the first day of camp. If it is a life-threatening allergy, we welcome you to remain on-site during camp.

**Medical Notice**: In the event of an emergency, VMFA Staff will respond to the situation promptly and accordingly, and a staff person will immediately attempt to reach a legal parent/guardian.

**PHOTO ID (REQUIRED)** Adults authorized to pick up children from camp must show a valid Photo ID at check out each day.

**SNACK (OPTIONAL)** Campers are welcome to bring a small, healthy snack to eat or drink during their daily break. Break time usually takes place outdoors (with weather permitting).

**Health & Food Allergy Notice**: For the health and safety of others, students cannot share food. Masks can be removed so students can eat while physically distanced. We ask that caregivers be mindful of other children who may have potentially life-threatening allergies. **To reduce the risk of accidental exposure, please avoid bringing foods with peanuts and tree nuts.**

**LUNCH (CONNECT-A-CAMP PARTICIPANTS ONLY)** Campers who attend **Connect-a-Camp** must bring lunch from home. This option is only available to students enrolled in both morning and afternoon camps. Please read the **Health & Food Allergy Notice** above.

**ART SUPPLIES** VMFA has you covered! We supply all materials and tools needed for camp. To reduce the risk of spreading COVID, students do not share supplies or work space. Any supplies that cannot be reused or properly disinfected will be discarded or given to students to take home. All other supplies, tools, and equipment will be cleaned and sanitized after use.

**MASKS** Be a superhero and wear a mask! Following K-12 guidance in Virginia, the museum strongly recommends the use of masks for all participants and Camp Staff in youth and teen studio programs. Along with mask recommendations, VMFA will mirror K-12 School COVID-19 Safety Guidelines within studios, including social distancing and frequent cleaning. Please note that unvaccinated participants (ages 2 and up) should wear a mask while at the museum. (Extra masks and shields are available, as needed.)

### WHERE TO PARK

**PARKING** Allow ample time to park, walk to the building, and check in before the start of camp, *especially on the first day*. The **VMFA Parking Deck** is free for the first 30 min; after that, it is \$6 to park for the day (or free for members). If you need extra time in the Art Ed Center, Camp Staff can validate your parking ticket at the check-in station. There is also free parking along the street.

**Note**: Parking is strictly prohibited in the Entry Plaza, or fire lane, in front of the museum.

## WHERE TO GO

**CAMP LOCATION** Camps are in the **Art Education Center** inside the museum (or Pauley Center for teen classes). We greatly recommend that caregivers familiarize themselves and their children with the area *prior to the first day of camp*.

**Camps before 10 am:** Use the **Student Entrance** (left of the main entrance) to access the **Art Education Center**, as the rest of the building is closed to the public. (VMFA hours of operation are 10 am–5 pm daily, with extended hours Wed, Thu, and Fri until 9 pm.)

## WHAT TO WEAR

**ART ATTIRE** Wear clothing suitable for art making – *camps get messy!* Students are encouraged to bring a smock from home. Wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes. Also consider bringing a long-sleeved shirt—while it may be hot outside, it’s often cool inside!

**SUNSCREEN & BUG REPELLENT** VMFA Staff members are not authorized to apply sunscreen or bug repellent (unless medically necessary; see forms). If your child has sensitive skin, however, you may want to consider applying protection prior to camp. On nice days, students go outside for daily breaks and select activities. (We also have plenty of shade trees we often hang out under.)

## CAMP CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

**CHECK-IN** Upon arrival, please wait patiently in line (at least 6ft from other families) during our new no contact check-in and COVID screening. The drop-off time has been extended in effort to reduce crowding. Masks are strongly recommended for all participants.

- Have **Emergency Form(s)** ready when you arrive on the first day of camp.
- Go to the “Camper Check-in Station” located in the **Art Education Center**.
- Morning drop-off is anytime between **8:40–9:05 am** (all ages), however, we encourage the following to minimize crowds:
  - **Ages 5-8:** 8:40–8:55 am
  - **Ages 9-12:** 8:50–9:05 am
- Afternoon drop-off is anytime between **12:45–1:10 pm** (all ages), however, we encourage the following to minimize crowds:
  - **Ages 5-8:** 12:45–1 pm
  - **Ages 9-12:** 12:55–1:10 pm
- **Campers must be checked in by a parent/guardian or authorized adult** who will assist with COVID-19 screening each day.
- Physical distancing is still essential for this audience. Please be mindful of your space, especially while waiting in line.
- For everyone’s health and safety, **only students and Camp Staff are typically allowed in studios** (no caregivers or siblings).

**Drop-off Notice:** Please DO NOT allow your child to be dropped off without an authorized adult. If they arrive without supervision, staff will contact you to return immediately. Until then, your child may not participate in camp. If your child’s only option is to self-check in, you will need to contact [youthstudio@vmfa.museum](mailto:youthstudio@vmfa.museum) at least two weeks in advance to request approval.

**COVID-19 Case Notice:** If a student or anyone in the student’s household tests positive for COVID-19, they will need to coordinate with the **VMFA Youth & Family Studio Programs Coordinator** (804.340.1438) and receive clearance before coming to camp.

**CHECK OUT** When campers are ready for dismissal, Camp Staff will begin the checkout process. Please form a single line at the check-in station (which could extend as far as the Atrium). Please continue to be respectful of others by social distancing (6ft), and allowing space for existing traffic. Staff will check IDs while you wait and gather a few students at a time.

- Authorized adults must present a valid **Photo ID** before we can release a camper from the studio.
- Check-out is in the same area and check-in, located in the **Art Education Center**.
- Morning pick-up is anytime between **11:45 am–noon** (all ages) or may run longer if students need extra time to gather their things; we recommend picking up at staggered times for the following groups:
  - **Ages 5-8:** 11:45–11:55 am
  - **Ages 9-12:** 11:50 am–noon
- Afternoon pick-up is between **3:50–4:05 pm** (all ages) or may run longer if students need extra time to gather their things; we recommend picking up at staggered times for the following groups:
  - **Ages 5-8:** 3:50–4 pm
  - **Ages 9-12:** 3:55–4:05 pm
- Plan for extra time on Fridays, as campers tend to bring most of their artwork home at the end of the week.
  - *Feel free to bring extra boxes or large bags to carry belongings home!*

- If a child becomes ill\* or has another critical need for a parent/guardian while in camp, staff will contact you for immediate pick-up. Caregivers are expected to arrive within 30 min of receiving the call. (\*For illnesses, please see COVID Protocols.)
- If you need to pick up your child early from camp, we ask that you make arrangements during check-in, when possible. Otherwise, Camp Staff may not always be available to assist you right away.
- In the event of an emergency or urgent need, **call or text 804.868.0879** (our emergency temp line for on-duty Camp Staff).

**Pick-Up Notice:** Please do not be late as this may result in dismissal from the program. A timely pick-up is critical in order for staff to properly clean and disinfect studios and materials between camps/after hours. If your child is not picked up on time, we will attempt to reach you immediately, followed by emergency contacts. **If you are running late, call or text 804.868.0879** (our temporary emergency line to reach an on-duty Camp Staff person) or phone **Visitors Services at 804.340.1405** and ask them to radio us.

## CAMP CONDUCT

Caregivers are responsible for reviewing the following **Rules & Consequences** with their children before the start of camp.

**RULES & EXPECTATIONS** During camp, the teacher will elaborate on studio safety and gallery expectations. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Camp Staff or make note on the back of the *Emergency Information Form*.

1. Practice safety in the studios, galleries, and museum grounds.
2. Be kind and respectful to teachers, Camp Staff, and peers.
3. Help clean up your workspace after every project.
4. Take part in all activities, within reason.
5. Have fun! 😊

**CONSEQUENCES** VMFA strives to make this program a fun and exceptional learning experience for all students. We make every effort to teach all artists and learners of varying abilities, needs, and talents. Discipline strategies focus on encouragement and positive reinforcement. There are times, however, when a teacher may need to carry out consequences.

- 1st Camp Staff speaks with Student about inappropriate behavior. Teacher will also consider adjustments that can be made to the studio environment in effort to improve Student's learning experience and ability to focus.
- 2nd Student sits out for quiet time and Camp Staff speaks with the caregiver after camp. During quiet time, Student is offered an opportunity to draw or write about how they are feeling or the positive changes that can be made.
- 3rd Student is removed from camp and/or may only be readmitted if a caregiver remains on-site for the next full day of camp.

**Note:** Please avoid bringing toys and other distractions to camp, unless beneficial for sensory purposes. Phones cannot be used in the studio, unless permitted by the teacher; keep devices off or silenced. Staff reserves the right to take away phones (temporarily).

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Be sure to mark your calendar and save your confirmation email upon registering. Refunds will not be granted if you miss a program. Fees are nonrefundable except when VMFA cancels a camp. In the event that VMFA cancels, participants will be notified via email as soon as possible and refunded fully. **Note: If your child or anyone in your child's household or social circle has had close contact with a person who has shown symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days of class, contact youthstudio@vmfa.museum or call Megan Endy at 804.340.1438 before coming to the museum.**

**For youth/teen camps only:** VMFA charges \$30 to transfer (pending availability), or deducts \$50 from the refund per cancellation. Transfers and cancellations must be made at least two weeks prior to the start of camp; otherwise, full payment is required.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM** Email [youthstudio@vmfa.museum](mailto:youthstudio@vmfa.museum) or phone 804.340.1331 to request an application.

## EVALUATIONS

**HOW WAS CLASS?** Students and/or parents may be asked to complete a survey at the end of camp. We value your opinion and would greatly appreciate your taking the time to help us improve our program and exceed your expectations.

## QUESTIONS

**EMAIL** [youthstudio@vmfa.museum](mailto:youthstudio@vmfa.museum) | **PHONE** Megan L. Endy, 804.340.1438 or Alex Parrish, 804.340.1331

# VMFA YOUTH & TEEN SUMMER CAMPS: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

For general museum information about COVID-19, visit [www.vmfa.museum/covid-19](http://www.vmfa.museum/covid-19)

## YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS RESPONSE TO COVID-19

VMFA is committed to providing a safe and healthy space for our students, teachers, staff, volunteers, and visitors. While there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 during any in-person program, we take serious effort to mitigate this exposure. Camps and classes have been modified based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Virginia Department of Health, and other trusted resources. While many COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, Youth & Teen Studio Programs will continue to practice COVID-19 safety in the studios, as so many of our participants are ineligible for a vaccination.

Following K-12 guidance in Virginia, the museum strongly recommends the use of masks for all participants and Camp Staff in youth and teen studio programs. Along with mask recommendations, VMFA will mirror K-12 School COVID-19 Safety Guidelines within the studios, including social distancing, hand washing, frequent cleaning, and limiting the number of individuals per space. Please note that unvaccinated participants (ages 2 and up) should still wear a mask while at the museum.

**Please be aware that protocols for Youth and Teen Studio Programs are subject to change at any time.** For the most up-to-date information, visit [www.vmfa.museum/youth-studio/guidelines](http://www.vmfa.museum/youth-studio/guidelines) and click on the appropriate program or season.

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS & SCREENING

Please self-screen prior to attending camp or class. If a student, caregiver, teacher, or other Camp Staff can answer “YES” to one of the following questions within 24 hours of class, they should remain home and notify [VMFA Camp Staff](#) of their absence.

- 1. Have you or an unvaccinated member of your household been in contact with someone in the past 14 days with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?**
- 2. Do you or a member of your household have any of the following symptoms that cannot be attributed to other health conditions?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100.4°F or higher) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chills                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches       | <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath       | <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing      |   |   |

## HEALTH & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

While the following list is subject to change based on new recommendations and restrictions, here are some of the modifications and precautions we have taken in effort to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 during our programs:

- Enrollment has been reduced to eight (8) or fewer students per camp or class, in most cases. Volunteer staffing has also been reduced significantly.
- Properly worn face masks are still strongly recommended for students at all times, unless they need to eat or take a break.
- Teachers, although vaccinated, will continue to wear a mask and/or face shield at all times.
- Six feet of physical distancing is practiced, within reason.
- Studio seating provides physical distance and/or physical barriers so students can safely learn and create.
- A “no contact” check-in process has been implemented, which includes a brief screening.
- Teachers and other Camp Staff are screened prior to class.
- Only registered students and Camp Staff are allowed in the studios while programs are in session. To keep occupancy low, caregivers, siblings, and other visitors may not be permitted.
- Products such as hand soap, hand sanitizer, disposable masks, disposable face shields, disinfectant wipes, gloves, and other PPE are readily available to students and staff, as needed.
- Teachers and staff clean and disinfect studios, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces before and after each class, as well as during class, when necessary.

- Students do not share supplies or workstations unless these objects are disinfected between uses. In most camps and classes, students are supplied art kits, labeled with their name, for individual use for the duration of the program.
- Any materials used in class that cannot be properly disinfected will be either discarded or offered to students to take home.
- In addition to proper ventilation throughout the buildings, all youth and teen studio spaces have individual air purifiers.
- For safety reasons, water fountains in the Art Education Center are not in service. Students should bring refillable water bottles from home but may also request water, if needed.

## STUDIO SAFETY & CLEANING PRACTICES / PROTOCOLS

- VMFA Facilities Services thoroughly cleans studios, restrooms, and high-traffic areas; restocks supplies such as soap and paper towels; and removes trash and recycling daily.
- Studio Staff uses approved disinfectant cleaner to wipe down surfaces while wearing gloves.
- Areas such as check-in stations, door handles, tables, barriers, chairs, sinks/wash stations, counters, and reusable art supplies are cleaned after each class, and as needed while programs are in session.
- Disposable products are often used in place of high-touch supplies, when reasonable (e.g. paper plates as paint palettes).
- All tools and supplies that can be reused, such as scissors and easels, are properly disinfected between uses.
- Handwashing or sanitizing is required upon arrival. Students should also wash frequently during class, especially after touching their face, as well as before and after snack and lunch breaks.
- Students are instructed to clean up behind themselves after each project.
- Items and materials that are left in the studios after class or camp that cannot be properly disinfected for reuse may be discarded; this includes artwork, snack bags, and other possessions that are left behind at the end of the week.

## PROTOCOL FOR POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

VMFA Staff coordinates with Virginia Department of Health partners for assistance on guiding and advising us on appropriate steps to ensure the safety and well-being of our patrons, staff, and volunteers. ***Please keep in mind that protocols are subject to change.***

If a student or Camp Staff member, or someone in their household, tests positive for COVID-19, all participants, parents/guardians, and VMFA Staff, Faculty, and Volunteers will be notified via email within 24 hours of being alerted to this possible exposure or before the next class meets, whichever occurs first. After an email is sent, you may receive a follow-up phone call the next day to ensure you received the message.

Closure of the studio, restroom, and/or other areas where an individual with COVID-19 was present may be necessary for deep cleaning and disinfection. Based on recommendations at the time of the incident, the studio may be closed for 1 to 14 days.

**A student who tests positive for COVID-19** cannot return to the program until they shown a negative test result and/or a doctor's note to the Youth & Family Studio Programs Coordinator; are symptom-free and fever-free for over 24 hours without assistance from a fever-reducing medication; and/or has completed appropriate quarantine. They must also receive clearance from the coordinator prior to return, who will work closely with our Human Resources Department to ensure safe practices. Please email [megan.endy@vmfa.museum](mailto:megan.endy@vmfa.museum) or phone 804.340.1438.

**A VMFA Employee, Camp Staff person, or Intern/Volunteer who tests positive** cannot return to work until they demonstrate two negative COVID-19 tests. They must be symptom-free and fever-free for over 24 hours without assistance from a fever-reducing medication. They will also coordinate with our Human Resources Department for clearance before returning to work.

## PROTOCOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 DURING CLASS

Anyone showing symptoms such as a high fever, persistent cough, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell, will be separated from the group and required to leave the museum as soon as possible. Depending on the severity of symptoms, VMFA Staff may respond to the situation as a "positive case" and begin taking appropriate action. Attendees and families will be notified accordingly, and cleaning protocols will go into effect. Classes may be suspended as a matter of safety, pending further details.

**Should a student become ill during class\***, the parent or guardian will be contacted and instructed to meet in front of the museum or Pauley Center (based on the location of class) and remain in their vehicle or wait outside of the building. A staff person will bring the child outside and release them to the caregiver, upon checking photo identification.

\*A student who is symptomatic cannot return to the program until they show a negative COVID-19 test result or a doctor's note; symptom-free and fever-free fever for over 24 hours without assistance from a fever-reducing medication; and/or has completed appropriate quarantine.

**Should a teacher become ill during class\***, another staff member will take over duties and may relocate students to a different area. The teacher will leave the premises as quickly as possible. Depending on the severity of the situation, caregivers may be contacted to pick up their children from the museum right away; VMFA staff will follow-up with further details and instruction when available.

\*In coordination with our partners at the Virginia Department of Health and the CDC guidelines at the time of the incident, VMFA Camp Staff will take the appropriate steps to ensure the safety and well-being of our staff and patrons. The teacher will not be allowed to return to teaching until the appropriate process has been completed.

**In the event that symptoms become life threatening** (i.e. trouble breathing, severe chest pain, inability to stay awake, blueish lips), VMFA Security Staff will respond to the medical emergency by providing basic aide and calling for EMS assistance; Camp Staff will immediately begin contacting the parents or legal guardians, followed by emergency contacts.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For further questions about youth or teen summer programs protocols, email [youthstudio@vmfa.museum](mailto:youthstudio@vmfa.museum) or call 804.340.1438.

If you have any questions or concerns about the museum's operating status, contact [info@vmfa.museum](mailto:info@vmfa.museum) or call 804.340.1400.

***Please note, as the COVID-19 situation in Virginia continues to evolve, this information and safety protocols are may change or be adjusted at any time.***

***We encourage you to continue to follow the precautions outlined by the [Centers for Disease Control](#). You may also visit the [Virginia Department of Health](#) for information as it pertains to the Commonwealth of Virginia. In general, heed the advice of health professionals and stay home if you are sick.***



# VMFA YOUTH & TEEN SUMMER CAMPS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For updates to youth or teen studio programs guidelines, visit [www.vmfa.museum/youth-studio/guidelines](http://www.vmfa.museum/youth-studio/guidelines)

## What is the drop-off and pick-up process like?

Please review the **Youth/Teen Studio Programs Information Packet** carefully. Drop-off times and select pick-up times have been extended to reduce crowding. On the first day of camp or class, we collect paperwork and verify registration. Screenings are also conducted upon arrival. At pick-up, staff checks IDs (for kids' camps). Masks and social distancing are strongly recommended.

## What if I need to reach my child in the event of an emergency or I'm running late to pick-up?

**Call or text 804.868.0879!** This is our temporary emergency line that will connect you directly to a Camp Staff person on-duty while programs are in session. *(Please do not use this number for general inquiries; instead, call 804.340.1438 or 804.340.1331.)* You can also contact Visitors Services at 804.340.1405 and ask them to radio us.

## Our summer plans have changed – can I get a refund or transfer to another camp?

VMFA has a “no cancellations” policy; however, the following exception applies to **Youth and Teen Summer Camps only**:

For transfers, there is a \$30 fee to switch a camp (but only if another camp becomes available). For cancellations, we deduct \$50 from the registration fee per cancellation refund. **Transfers and cancellations must be made at least two weeks prior to the start of camp; otherwise, full payment is required.**

## What happens if my child misses a camp or class?

Please mark your calendars. VMFA does not provide refunds or allow transfers for missed classes. Even if someone misses a class, they still occupy that reservation prohibiting others from enrolling.

Staff can sometimes put together a take-home kit or gather select materials from the day's lesson, *if notified the same day.*

If your child is not feeling well or has symptoms of COVID, contact [youthstudio@vmfa.museum](mailto:youthstudio@vmfa.museum) for further advisement. If your child tests positive for COVID, you may be eligible for a refund. *Please also review the **Summer Camps: COVID-19 Protocols**.*

## What should I do if my child is sick?

Stay home! Any signs of illness or respiratory disease such as COVID-19 should be taken seriously. Consult your pediatrician for medical advice based on your child's symptoms. Contact [youthstudio@vmfa.museum](mailto:youthstudio@vmfa.museum) as soon as possible to discuss cancellation and registration options. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, you may be eligible for a refund.

Students may not attend class or visit the museum until they can answer COVID-19 screening questions and show a negative COVID-19 test result or doctor's note. VMFA follows CDC guidelines on when it is safe to be around others; if unvaccinated:

- 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- COVID-19 symptoms have improved (for example, cough, shortness of breath)

Refer to the complete CDC guidelines and updates: [When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19](#)

## What happens if a teacher is out sick?

If a teacher is not feeling well and has not been to the museum, VMFA will attempt to find a substitute. If a teacher has had close contact with students, we will notify families as soon as possible. *See our **Summer Camps: COVID-19 Protocols** for further details.*

## Can I attend camp with my child or sit with them in the studio?

Unless your child has a medical condition or other need that requires an aide, only registered students and Camp Staff are allowed in the studios to keep occupancy low.

## We're used to virtual learning – how can I prepare my child for an in-person camp?

Please review the **Youth/Teen Studio Programs Information Packets** carefully. We encourage families to visit the museum at their leisure so children feel more comfortable and familiar with the space prior to taking their first camp or class.

Also, please talk to your child about mask wearing and what it means to physically distance. Practice healthy hygiene habits like washing hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds and covering their face when sneezing and coughing.

### **Does my child still have to wear a mask now that restrictions have been lifted? What if we're fully vaccinated?**

We prefer that they wear a mask or face shield in the studio. Following K-12 guidance in Virginia, VMFA strongly recommends the use of masks for all participants and staff in youth and teen studio programs. Along with mask recommendations, VMFA will mirror K-12 school COVID-19 safety guidelines within studios and classrooms, including social distancing and frequent cleaning. Please note that unvaccinated participants (ages 2 and up) should wear a mask while at the museum.

### **What if my child doesn't want to wear a mask?**

We know wearing a mask can be tough for some children, but be patient and stay positive. Please explain the importance of continuing to wear a mask and caring for others, especially since so many of our students are not eligible for a COVID vaccination. We encourage setting a good example and suggest that you consider wearing a mask during pick-up or drop-off, even if you are fully vaccinated. Disposable masks and face shields (youth and adult sizes) are available in the studios, if needed.

Of course, we recognize that some students may have medical conditions or that wearing a mask may be too challenging. In these cases, we recommend wearing a face shield.

### **Do students get mask breaks?**

Yes, youth camps have daily breaks for snack, restroom use, and play; they will remove masks to eat and drink. Most breaks will take place outdoors, with weather permitting. Should a camper need additional time to break from their mask, they will be accompanied by a staff person and permitted to step outside or in designated break area. Teens may take breaks at their leisure.

### **Will students be able to visit the galleries or special exhibitions?**

Some classes may be permitted to visit the galleries, pending the number of students, ability to physically distance, and other restrictions. If students are unable to visit the galleries, teachers will provide other VMFA visual resources for inspiration, as well as gallery maps to encourage students and families to see the art in-person at their leisure.

### **Will any of the camps or classes be outside?**

All summer youth and teen camps/classes are scheduled to be in the studios or lab, however, we love going outside! We have our daily breaks outdoors, plus teachers will frequently bring groups out and teach in the Sculpture Garden (weather permitting, of course). If you're concerned about sun exposure or insect bites, feel free to apply sunscreen or bug repellent prior to arrival.

### **Do you offer any summer camps or classes online?**

While VMFA does offer virtual programming, all summer studio programs for youth and teens are currently scheduled to meet in-person. For virtual learning and online resources, please visit <https://www.vmfa.museum/learn>.

### **I'm trying to sign up for more camps but having trouble registering – what do I do?**

First, check availability online. Select the "Register Now" button for the class or event you are trying to register for – if the next screen says "No times are available for this date. Please try another date." then it is sold out.

If you are having trouble with your VMFA membership or Member ID, contact the Membership Department at 804.340.1520 or [membership@vmfa.museum](mailto:membership@vmfa.museum).

For other inquiries, or to register by phone, contact Visitor Services at 804.340.1405.

### **What if my child doesn't meet the age requirement for the class they want to take?**

Camps and classes are tailored to specific age groups, with age appropriate projects and supplies. We also find that peers prefer to be with students closer to their own age, particularly teens. Please do not register for a program that is designed for a different age group. Look for another class or wait until they are old enough. Contact [youthstudio@vmfa.museum](mailto:youthstudio@vmfa.museum) for questions.

### **It seems like everything we want is full – is there a waitlist?**

Yes, please email [visitorservices@vmfa.museum](mailto:visitorservices@vmfa.museum) with the following information:

- Name + VMFA Member ID, if applicable
- Title & Start date of camp/class
- Email + Phone
- # of spots you need



# EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM | VMFA YOUTH & TEEN STUDIO PROGRAMS

Forms must be submitted during check-in on the first day of camp or class each season before your child can participate in the program. To update or change information, i.e. emergency contacts, new allergies, etc., please submit a new form. *(Feel free to write more on the back, if needed.)*

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Prefers to be called \_\_\_\_\_ Pronoun \_\_\_\_\_  
Camp/Class Title(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ ( Age \_\_\_\_\_ )

## Parent or Legal Guardian Contact Information

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contacts in the event that the parent(s) or guardian(s) cannot be reached

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Adults Authorized to Pick Up such as another parent or sitter. *If there is an adult who may NOT pick up your child, notify staff at check-in.*

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick-Up Notice:** Students (under 13) must be picked up at the designated time by an authorized adult with a **Photo ID**. Please do not be late as this may result in dismissal from the program. If your child is not picked up on time, VMFA staff will try to reach you immediately, followed by emergency contacts and others adults authorized to pick up. ***If you are running late, call or text 804.868.0879*** (temp line for on-duty Camp Staff).

Insurance Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Holder \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ | Dentist (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## List any known allergies (Use the back of this form to write more, if needed.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Reactions \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Reactions \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment \_\_\_\_\_

List any medical conditions you would like for us to know about. Please also list any emergency self-carry medications and complete the accompanying instruction sheet. \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any other conditions, disabilities, or needs that you would like to share with the teacher. \_\_\_\_\_

We'd love to learn more about this student! Tell us a little about their personality, likes (or dislikes), or anything that may help them have a successful camp experience. \_\_\_\_\_

## COVID-19 Screening | Please initial each line to confirm that you have read and understand the information below.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware of COVID-19 symptoms listed on CDC.gov and agree to keep my child home if they experience any one of these symptoms.  
\_\_\_\_\_ If my child or anyone in our household comes in contact with a person who has COVID-19 or symptoms, I will get in touch with Camp Staff.  
\_\_\_\_\_ If my child displays symptoms of illness during class, I will pick them up immediately. I will not return to VMFA without a doctor's note.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that masks are strongly recommended in the studios, since many of our younger students have not been vaccinated for COVID.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I have read VMFA's Summer Camp COVID-19 Protocols, as well as the Cancellation Policy in the Studio Programs Information Packet.

"I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) certify that the information provided above is accurate. I have read and understand the content provided in the **Studio Programs Information Packet** and have reviewed the Studio Rules & Consequences with my child. My child has permission to participate in all program activities. While VMFA and its instructors make every effort to provide a safe learning environment, I understand and accept that there are inherent risks of accidents and being exposed to illnesses such as COVID-19. I will not hold the museum responsible for any accident, injury, or illness that may result during this program. In the unlikely event that my child requires emergency medical treatment, I authorize VMFA Staff to administer first aid and/or seek necessary treatment."

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





## Emergency Medication Permission Form

Medications prescribed for an individual student in the event of an emergency **MUST** be kept in the original container bearing the original pharmacy label with student's name, medication, and dosage. **NO medication (prescribed or over the counter) shall be dispensed without written permission of the legal guardian of the student.** The pharmacy label can serve as the written order of the physician.

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_

Name of medication \_\_\_\_\_

Dosage \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Parameters \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_ Prescription # \_\_\_\_\_

### To Be Completed By the Parent/Legal Guardian

Please supply written, detailed directions on the administration/dispense of emergency medication:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***I authorize VMFA personnel to administer the above medication to my child in an emergency using instructions I have provided on this form.***

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_





Primary Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



### Campus Map

## VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

200 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd. | Richmond, Virginia 23220

- A** Student entrance for kids camps *before 10 am*  Walkways
- B** Pauley Center entrance for teen summer classes  Main walkway from Parking Deck
- C** VMFA Studio School entrance 
- P** Parking Deck entrance 
- P** No parking in entry plaza 