



Summer Studios Information and FAQs

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Daily Schedule

Before Arrival

- Students are encouraged to take their temperatures at home.
- Masks will be required for staff, students, and caregivers during drop-off, while inside the Museum, and during pick-up. CMA will provide masks for staff and have disposable masks on hand for students who forget their masks.
- Masks must be over-the-ear and cover the nose and mouth.

What to Pack: Checklist

Please send your child with an **easy-to-carry** backpack or bag containing:

- Bagged lunch** — Due to allergies, please do not pack food containing nuts.
- Enough snacks to last the day** — We do not provide snacks.
- Plenty of drinking water** — It is essential that you pack water in a reusable container with your child's name labeled on it. We request that you do not send your child with drinks containing added sugar or caffeine.
- Change of clothes** — Rain gear is advised but not required.
- Sun-blocking hat**
- Insect repellent**
- Sunblock** — Please apply sunblock to children prior to their departure for CMA and supply your child with sunblock to re-apply in the afternoon. Staff will remind children to reapply sunblock, but are not allowed to apply it to students.

Onsite Health and Safety Measures

In keeping with CDC guidelines, the following measures will be implemented onsite. We will continue to monitor and update parents with any changes based on changing CDC guidelines.

- Masks are required for staff throughout the entire day. Staff will be able to take breaks from masks when outside and more than 10 feet away from other staff members and students.
- CMA will be divided into three dedicated sections for a maximum of 12 students and 1-2 staff members per section.
- Twice per day (midday and end of the day), staff will use sanitizing wipes or spray to wipe down benches, tables, surfaces, and materials touched and used. Every 90 minutes, a staff member will provide hand sanitizer to students.
- Before eating, students will wash their hands with soap and water in the bathroom or individual sinks located in the studios.
- Staff will maintain a 3-foot distance from each other and students whenever possible.

Example Schedule and Activities

- **9 AM** Check-in and temperature check upon arrival. Students must go directly to their assigned studio and will not be allowed to congregate in the lobby or gallery.
- **9:30 AM** Class begins
- **12 PM** Students eat lunch in individual studios
- **1 PM** Field trip or outside activity
- **3 PM** Return to CMA to finalize projects
- **4 PM** Group discussion and sharing time
- **5 PM** Dismissal

FAQs

What should my child wear to camp?

We recommend wearing “play” clothes that you do not mind getting dirty, paint-splattered, or wet. Shoes should be closed-toe, such as sneakers or boots. Crocs or open sandals are discouraged as students will be walking to different locations. We strongly recommended bringing a hat to wear when spending time outdoors.

Can I pick up my child early?

Yes. Notifications must be emailed at least 24 hours in advance to classes@cmay.org. For emergencies, please call the main number at (212) 274-0986.

How much food do I need to pack for my child?

We recommend a good sized lunch with plenty of hydrating options such as fruit, along with a snack or two. Having extra provisions for the afternoon is a smart idea!

What is the restroom situation?

CMA has several bathrooms that are frequently cleaned and sanitized. Only one child will be able to use the bathroom at a time. Hand-washing is required. Please note that your child must be toilet trained in order to attend the program.

What if my child gets injured?

We have two CPR- and First Aid-trained staffers on site at all times. In case of injury, we will respond to the situation and reach out to the child's emergency contact as soon as possible.

My child is nervous. What can I tell them to expect?

This is very normal. Staff will be on-hand to introduce themselves and get to know the students. On the first day of the program, we will sit together in individual groups and introduce ourselves, followed by games and "get to know you." We will also walk to a local park, which allows students and staff to engage in casual conversations. If your child is especially nervous, we will be sure to stay nearby until they are feeling more comfortable. For many children, the worry melts away as soon as they step into CMA and start working on their art projects.

Can my child bring their phone / tablet / etc?

We want your child to have the freedom to bring what they wish to CMA. However, CMA is not responsible for lost, damaged, or broken items. We advocate for "no personal screens" and hope you will too.

COVID-19 and Reported Illnesses

Staff and students are required to stay home if they or anyone in their household exhibits COVID-19 symptoms and/or tests positive for COVID-19.

Staff Illness: All families will be notified immediately if a staff member tests positive. Depending on the circumstances of exposure, we will confer with staff, make a decision on how to proceed, and notify families in a timely manner.

Student Illness: All families will be notified immediately if a student or family member tests positive. The afflicted students' Summer Studio Program will be cancelled for the rest of the week and all registered families in that program will receive a refund minus the registration fee.

Illness While at CMA: If a student becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms during the day, a staff member will quarantine the student away from the group and notify a parent/guardian for pickup.