

## Update from Claire's Creative Adventures about the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak:

CCA is continuing to monitor this situation moment by moment. We will continue to give you updates as quickly as possible.

As our history together has shown, we care just as much about your children as you do. We ask that if you, your child(ren), anyone in your family and/or household (including staff) is or was feeling sick or unwell, even if it's unrelated to the coronavirus, to let us know immediately.

The more we are in communication and support each other, the better off we all will be; We are an intimate group of adults and children which must be hyper-aware of how to be together in a safe, healthy and responsible way. We welcome parental feedback and information at all times. Please do not hesitate to contact us by email or phone should you have any concerns or information.

Here is some information from the City of New York and CCA to help keep you, your children and our community safe:

- Until further notice, the **Art Adventures Programs & Spring Break Camp** is remaining **open**, and our scheduled programs will remain unaffected through taking detailed and targeted precautionary measures; Bear in the mind that this can change at any minute as more information is provided to us by health officials, local government and/or our facility, All Souls Church.
- We are working with mandates from the Governor's Office of New York.
- We want to make sure our stresses don't get carried onto our children. With these measures in place, the best thing we can do for children is that they continue to have fun in a relaxed environment.
- A new CCA policy addendum will require anyone attending future CCA classes and camps to answer a list of questions to ensure all students' health and safety prior to attendance.
- Parents will decide on whether or not to have their healthy children attend the CCA Spring Break Camp. You will need to let us know immediately if your child is NOT attending.
- If you or anyone you know feels in any way ill, for any reason, we cannot have your child attend camp or class.
- We will remain calm, handling questions from children in an age-appropriate manner.
- We look forward to proceeding with your child's Art Adventures fun, creativity and safety.

## Parents/Caregivers:

- If any of the following symptoms are have presented themselves in the past week or is detected (feeling feverish, new on-set of persistent cough, sneezing, runny nose, nasal or chest congestion, sore throat, shortness of breath) you and/or your child may be refused and/or will be sent home upon detection. Medical confirmation of health via a signature from your doctor/ child's doctor will be required before entering and/or returning.
- A mandatory questionnaire will be made available prior to attendance and periodically throughout the programs.
- All adults, including caregivers, must be informed and held accountable for understanding the policies and information and follow the same preventative measures for themselves and their children.

## Location:

CCA has always paid attention to detail. We are taking proactive and preventative measures to keep everyone safe.

- Sterilization of the premises, ourselves and the tools we use and come in contact with, along with full disinfection and maintenance of disinfection of all surfaces, doorknobs, handles, bathrooms & communal spaces.
- There will be no cross handling of art tools: Each child will receive individual "art toolboxes" for use in camps, sterilized daily.
- All tools, tabletops, surfaces, doorknobs, handles and chairs will be disinfected prior to each class.
- In addition, CCA will be implementing a "No Touch Zone."
- From entry to departure, all guests will be asked to keep their hands to themselves.

## Teachers:

- Will be following a specific teacher safety protocol, including how to get to and leave from the premises.
- Will not be allowed to work if any sign of illness.
- Are required to list all locations of work outside of CCA and report any documented cases of coronavirus therein immediately and prior to work start.

Rest assured we are instituting contact protocols and every measure possible to keep our children healthy.

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Spokesman from the Governor's office of New York with regards to communities and schools:

- Each community is unique.
- With limited exposure, some communities will act perhaps differently than communities with wider and larger exposure.
- We want to have schools remain open, when they cannot work online or telecommute.
- Children are better off in schools, with the proper safety protocols, given the information provided thus far.
- In cases where exposure of the coronavirus was found, temporarily closings to clean the schools and then re-opening.
- You are more likely not to get sick than to get sick.
- For younger healthy people- think about the same precautions as you would in flu season.
- Businesses to authorize staggered schedules and not travel during heavy commuter hours.

What else can you do as an attendee?

- We're sure you've heard all about washing your hands for at least 20 seconds; continue to practice healthy hygienic habits multiple times a day, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, both at work and at home (cellphone, door handles, light switches, remote controls, desks, etc.)
- If you have family or friends who are elderly, have compromised immune systems or chronic respiratory or coronary issues, do not visit them if you feel sick.
- If you're feeling at all sick, let us know immediately, & please stay home and rest up!

**This is obviously a situation that's changing minute by minute, and we want to make sure that the members of our community are aware of both the risks and the preventative measures to take during a public health crisis.**

We are New Yorkers. We will get through this with communication & working together.

