



D'SCALA Art Academy – Summer Camp 2020 (Anti COVID19 Policies)

Dear Parents:

After several years working with children during Summer Camp, one feels ready to face any situation that might arise, although I am sure that this pandemic has put our perception of any situation in perspective. But here we are ready for a different Summer Camp this year that surely will have to be a safe, instructive, and fun camp for our children, after these months of uncertainty and isolation.

According to Miami Dade County forecasts and guidelines, the prospect is to be ready to open the Summer Camp Coliseum on June 8th. Of course, this decision involves a variety of obvious questions and concerns, from parents and from all of us who are dedicated to working with children. Can we provide a program to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 in the Camp? Do we have the infrastructure to provide the guidelines established by the CDC? Will the Camp be of great help to our community?

Each camp has been a challenge for us, and this will be twice as difficult, because not only will we have to guarantee the safety of the children and the workers who will be here, but we will also have to develop activities that promote and help well-being, education and to the social and physical development of our children. And my biggest challenge is that, that our Summer Camp becomes a unique opportunity to grow in confidence, provide hope, fight fear, and prosper.

So, we will prepare a great Summer Camp. We will pool our experience with new guidelines and protocols designed to help curb the spread of Covid-19, create a cleaner physical camping environment, implement systems to keep small groups of campers as one, and limit the flow of larger groups together. We will select all who enter and monitor the health and well-being of our children and staff on the day of the camp.

Are these guidelines foolproof? No. But the mental health of our children and the economic viability of our families and communities are not either.

We will go forward with our activities week by week until the start of the new school year. Together with our healthcare professionals, we will update the guidelines and make necessary changes when and where necessary. We will do what we have always done, and we will work to do our best. We are confident that your child's experience at camp will provide them with the opportunity to meet friends, once again freely socialize, and we are confident that their time with us will be a source of happiness, joy and fun.



We know that you as parents have many doubts and questions. The answers to many of those questions will be listed here. We are also already in our offices and available to answer your calls and emails.

Together we will work. This is how we will all get through this. It is the base of the camp. Together we are sure that we will take care of our children, together we are sure that tomorrow will bring us hope and Together, we are sure that Life, once again, will be lived to the fullest.

So please feel happy, hopeful and see you at D'Scala Art Academy Summer Camp.

ARE WE OPERATING THE CAMP?

Yes. We have extensively consulted the regulations of healthcare professionals and followed the regulations of Miami Dade County and the CDC. Under the guidance of all these entities, we will operate the camp with specific policies and procedures. Many of those policies are described on this page. The guidelines can be updated at any time. If those guidelines change, we will update our procedures and information. We will operate the 11 weeks of the Summer Camp, unless a case of force majeure arises that forces the cancellation of the camp.

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

Our ultimate goal is to provide the health and wellness of our campers. We believe that is best accomplished when we all unite toward that common goal. It is imperative that everyone do their part to follow established guidelines and work together to care for our children and overcome this unprecedented challenge. It will take our team, our parents and our campers. These guidelines are mandatory. If any family member or staff does not comply with these guidelines, we will ask that you not participate in the D'Scala Academy Summer Camp for the safety and respect for others.

POLICIES BEFORE ENTERING THE CAMP

The first step in limiting spread is to prevent people with confirmed Covid-19 (or a high probability of having been in contact with it) from entering the facility. We do this through our screening procedures, including in the self-



assessment we ask staff and families to do before camp each day and in the active assessment we do when people enter the facility and who we allow to enter.

At D'Scala we provide antibacterial gels, disinfecting towels, and everything you need to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. However, we suggest that each parent carry their own hygiene kit in their child's bag.

The following procedures will be mandatory for each party involved in the camp, our families, our campers, and our staff.

For Families

- a) If you have someone at home who is considered high risk (heart condition, elderly, lung problems, etc.), consider not attending camp.
- b) Parents must remain outside the school gates to drop them off and pick them up. They only have to enter one by one for a special situation or to make the corresponding payments.
- c) Parents must answer COVID-19 health questions (see below) each day to satisfy camp admission. If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," the camper will be asked to stay home.

For campers

- a) All campers will have their temperature controlled before entering the camp. If their temperature exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit, they will be asked to stay indoors.
- b) All campers must wash their hands at a designated hand washing station upon entering the camp every day.
- c) Campers must bring their own water bottles.
- d) The charging stations will be available throughout the day.
- e) Camper masks are optional and must be provided by the family. Campers may or may not wear masks, only at the discretion of their parents, who will have to notify D'Scala staff if they want their children to wear the masks as long as they are in our facility.

For staff

- a) Staff members must answer the COVID-19 Health Questions (see below) each day to satisfy admission to the camp. If the answer to any of these questions is "yes" the staff member will be asked to stay home.



b) The temperature of all personnel will be checked before entering the camp. If their temperature exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit, they will be asked to stay indoors.

c) All staff members should wash their hands at a designated handwash station upon entering the camp every day.

In accordance with actions taken by many employers across the state, our camp staff will wear personal masks during the day, with the exception of certain outdoor camping activities. Gloves will be worn during specific times at camp. All staff have current certifications in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation for children and adults.

WHEN DOES THE CAMP BEGIN?

Camp begins June 1 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

WHAT WILL THE CAMP BE LIKE?

We will continue with our music, dance, robotics, cooking, acting, fencing etc classes within our facility. As well as walks to water parks, beach, parks and outdoor positions. All activities that take place in closed spaces are canceled: cinemas, museums, gyms, etc.

WHY IS THE CAMP REGISTRATION COST THE SAME?

While we've had to ditch some activities like hiking and swimming (for now), we've had to hire additional staff, buy hospital-grade cleaners and disinfectants, and new supplies. The cost of operating a summer camp this summer is much higher than ever. We understand that not taking excursions is disappointing, but we also feel that our Summer Camp has always been much more substantive than a single effort or activity.

We will also maintain the food supply (breakfast, snacks and lunch). We will work as hard as we can to provide each child with a rewarding experience given the circumstances we are all dealing with. At the end of the day, we are confident that the camp will not only be fun and exciting, but also great value.

HOW WILL THE KIDS BE GROUPED IN THE CAMP?

Due to the health situation that exists in the city, we will not be able to have more than a certain number of students in our summer camp program. The distribution will be 5 children per classroom and per teacher, not exceeding 15 children in total at our Summer Camp. D'Scala students have priority. However, once we reach the number of children we consider safe, no one else will be able to enroll. Please if you plan to take your children at some date of the summer, inform us in advance.

D'Scala's Summer Camp program has always divided children into small groups for much of the camp day. This summer, we will expand this technique throughout the day of the camp, we will separate the children also by classrooms. Fortunately the size of our school and its facilities allows us to minimize the mixing of a greater number of children together. Children will be grouped with other campers of similar age and we will strive to keep those groups as consistent as possible during each camp session. Along with their teachers, campers will play and learn in their small groups throughout the day. They will participate in activities and all other aspects of the typical camp curriculum.

The State recognizes that protective measures (i.e., social distancing or maintaining a distance of six feet from others within small groups), are difficult for adults to be, for a variety of reasons, so this is much more complicated for children. and girls. In some cases, the child will be too young to understand and practice these precautions. We cannot, for example, expect that a group of young children or school children do not participate in interactive games or share toys. Our goal is to keep these small groups as separate as possible, but we recognize that within each small group, there will be interaction between those campers. Our staff will attempt to mitigate the risks of such interactions as much as possible in accordance with our camp hygiene and cleaning and disinfection policies.

HOW WILL THE CAMP'S HYGIENE BE MAINTAINED?

Following the guidelines established by CDC and the State of Florida, our Camp Hygiene procedures will be in place each camp day for all staff and campers.

Hand washing will take place during the following hours:

- a) Arrival at the facilities and after each activity rotation.
- b) Before and after preparing food or drinks.

- c) Before and after eating or handling food, or feeding children
- d) Before and after administering medications or medical ointments.
- e) After using the bathroom or helping a child to use the bathroom
- f) After coming into contact with any body fluid.
- g) After handling garbage

HOW WILL THE CAMP BE CLEANED AND DISINFECTED?

Following the guidelines for camp cleaning and disinfection, D'Scala Academy will work to maintain a clean and sanitary camp environment. The following will be part of that procedure:

- a) Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces within the camp throughout the day (for example, door handles, sink handles, tables and chairs, etc.).
- b) Cleaning and disinfecting shared objects (eg toys, games, and art supplies) between each rotation of camp groups, each day.
- c) Ensure the correct application of EPA-approved disinfectants and disinfectants to treat COVID-19. These products will be kept out of the reach of children.
- d) Thorough cleaning of the camp before the start of a new camping session.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD SHOWS SYMPTOMS IN THE CAMP?

From the moment a child enters the camp, D'Scala Art Academy staff will continue to evaluate and monitor possible illnesses, including the potential symptoms listed below:

Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, cold, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feverish sensation, or temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit, or if you have had contact close acquaintance with a laboratory confirmed person who has COVID-19.

This list does not cover all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported. Read the next section for procedures when symptoms are detected at camp.

If this symptom exists with no other symptoms present, an evaluation will be conducted and the child or individual may remain in the camp; however, if the symptom is combined with any other symptoms on the list, the individual should separate from the camp and go home.

The following steps will be taken for any camper or staff member who displays symptoms of illness during camp.

1. The camper or staff member showing symptoms of illness during camp will be isolated in a separate area.
2. The kid's parents will be called and asked to pick them up asap. The staff member who shows symptoms will be asked to leave the camp if he can do it on his own, or to secure transportation if he cannot do it alone.
 - a) If the camper or staff member has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to camp, the individual should obtain a note from the medical professional authorizing the individual to return based on a negative COVID-19 test. Find COVID-19 test collection sites online, contact your local health department for testing, or consult a healthcare provider.
 - b) In the case of a staff member who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and is not evaluated by a medical professional or examined for COVID-19, the individual is presumed to have COVID-19, and the individual cannot return to work until they have completed this three-step criterion: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has an improvement in symptoms (eg cough, shortness of breath); and it has been at least 10 days since the first symptoms appeared.

IF THE POSITIVE CASE OF COVID IS CONFIRMED WITH A CAMPER OR PERSONNEL

In the case of a camper or staff member who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when the following three criteria are met:

1. at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications)
2. and the individual has an improvement in symptoms (eg cough, shortness of breath);
3. and it has been at least 10 days since the first symptoms appeared.



IF THE CAMP CLOSSES, WILL I RECEIVE A REFUND?

Situation 1: D'Scala Art Academy closes the camp.

If D'Scala Art Academy has to close the camp due to Covid-19 related reasons, you will receive a full credit minus the non-refundable registration fee. All credits can be used for the next few weeks through the summer of 2021.

Situation 2: You choose to cancel.

If you choose to cancel the camp with medical notification that we are still operating, you may receive a full refund less the non-refundable deposit. Deposits in this case do not apply to the next few weeks.