

Brave Arts Summer 2022 – Day Sessions COVID-19 Safety & Wellness and Risk-Reduction Plan

Latest update: June 22, 2022

Brave Arts will approach reducing risk to exposure and/or spread of COVID-19 with continued care and caution and we reserve the right to make updates to our safety measures and requirements as needed for the safety our community as whole. As advised by the CDC and Massachusetts state guidelines, we will layer safety measures and adhere to our policies with updates/changes as needed.

As of June 2022 we are pleased to report that every Brave Arts staff member has been fully vaccinated and will be fully vaccinated by our July start date.

“Day sessions” are defined as the hours between 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM and/or while any day session participants are on campus under Brave Arts’ supervision.

In order to qualify for any of the vaccinated individual exemptions below, proof of vaccination will need to be emailed to Sarah (Health Care Supervisor). Per HIPAA you are not required to disclose your child’s vaccination status. Anyone who chooses to not disclose their vaccination status will be considered unvaccinated. **Brave Arts highly encourages ALL participants aged 12 and up to be fully vaccinated prior to the start of their day session in order to best protect themselves, the Brave Arts community and their families/outside contacts.**

1. FACE COVERINGS

Currently, Brave Arts will be a “mask-friendly” community with masks as an option for any participant/family/staff who chooses to wear one.

Masks are currently optional but may later be required for all individuals in indoor facilities if current guidance and/or a decision is reached by directors Keith and Sarah to implement mask-wearing indoors based on current risk/case totals in our community and beyond. We will communicate with families if any changes to the current policy are made.

**Families can opt for their child to wear their masks at all times. No participant will be required to take their mask off if they are uncomfortable doing so and we will maintain a culture of positivity for any participants/staff who opt to keep their mask on. We ask that you let us know via email prior to the start of the session if you require that your child keep his/her mask on while indoors (unless eating/drinking/during a break).*

2. VENTILATION AND USE OF OUTDOOR SPACE

The Cambridge School of Weston has been able to hold classes and overnight students on their campus as of January 2021 with safety upgrades to each of their buildings. They have partnered with The Stone Group to increase ventilation and air filtration.

Brave Arts has worked with CSW to identify the on-campus spaces that have the best ventilation/filtration and access to windows/doors as well as designated outdoor spaces

for Brave Arts' use that will include covered areas for sun and heat protection. Brave Arts will prioritize CSW's outdoor spaces with the understanding from the CDC and other advisory groups that spread is significantly reduced outside due to natural air flow. Any time we are indoors, HEPA filters will be used and/or windows/doors open.

3. HAND HYGIENE

CSW has already provided multiple sanitation stations in each building and room and Brave Arts will provide additional bottles of hand sanitizer. Every member of the Brave Arts community will be required to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water prior to and after lunch and snacks, and regularly throughout the day.

4. TESTING, EXPOSURE/SYMPTOM REPORTING, CONTACT TRACING

Participants displaying symptoms will only be able to return to Brave Arts with a negative test result and may be highly encouraged to wear a mask indoors if symptoms persist even with a negative test due to false/premature negative results or with significant close contact (ie: same household). You may always call 508-314-1792 with any questions and we have plenty of rapid tests to provide to families. We may request a PCR test if there is significant close contact exposure and/or prevalent symptoms of COVID-19. Project Beacon sites are free to the public regardless of insurance and remain open with a quick turnaround on test results.

If your child displays or reports symptoms while at Brave Arts they will be rapid antigen tested. Please ensure your child can be picked up within one hour if they develop a fever, vomiting and/or test positive. They may not return to Brave Arts until the 1. required 5-day quarantine 2. they have been fever-free without the use of a fever reducer for 24+ hours and 3. have a negative antigen test result or physician's permission. Anyone returning prior to the 10-day period will be required to wear a well-fitting mask when indoors.

Brave Arts will communicate daily with all families about confirmed cases within our community. [Please refer to CDC guidance for isolation/quarantine.](#)

Staff will be under an employment agreement that will require extended safe behavior and limited exposure outside of our program. We will be "overstaffed" to ensure a fully staffed program at all times.

COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

Every person registering is required to agree to our [community agreement](#) with the understanding that policies and information will be updated as we receive new information. This summer will be about caring for our community as if they were our own family and

respecting that in order to give as many kids as possible a safe and healthy place to spend their summer, adults, and families will need to agree to our commitment prior to and during Brave Arts sessions.

CARING FOR OUR BRAVE ARTS FAMILY: MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

In 2022 as we have seen our kids face change with resilience, we are confident that they want to bring as much normalcy back to their lives as possible while knowing that we all need to commit to taking care of each other with safety measures inside and outside of Brave Arts.

Above all, this summer and every summer, our priority is each of our kids' well-being. No final performance, product or lesson will ever come before making sure the hearts and minds of our Brave Arts family are taken care of. We are back with Brave Arts again this summer to continue to give our kids their "second home" back and to give them time together as kids, pre-teens, and teens, with adult staff who know how meaningful it is to have places like Brave Arts in a child's journey.

Working with kids, we know that breaks and check-ins are crucial. Every child will also be reassured they can communicate their needs to us and we will ensure that even when safety measures are enforced, it comes from a place of care and compassion, and never punishment.

We encourage all families to be in communication with us to help ensure that we can provide a summer of joy and growth for your child. We know that every family's experience in the pandemic has been different and that kids will have varying perceptions of the ongoing risks. We will insist that every family commits to taking care of this community, including other families and our staff, with compassion, kindness, respect, safety, and flexibility.

**We can't wait to be back together and celebrate our 14th summer of this *special place* we call
Brave Arts.**