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Dear Camp Families,

As the continued spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) is still a major concern, please know that, at the Art Museum of South Texas, the health and safety of our campers and staff is a top priority. We continue to implement several measures to prevent the spread of the virus and protect all our campers. We also want to assure you that AMST staff and camp leadership are staying up to date on the recommended guidelines from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), the ACA (American Camp Association), [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov) and our local health department. The Museum has a CDP (communicable disease plan) in place that will be revised with public health authorities as any additional COVID-19 guidance is provided.

With that being said, our Spring Break camp will look a little different this year. We are adapting lessons, projects and activities in order to be as safe as possible. There will not be a camp exhibit or performance for parents and families at the end of the week. The drama portion of camp will consist of a variety of drama games, movement and music. Break times will consist of single-person games and activities such as jump rope, bubbles and sidewalk chalk that we can use outside for short periods of time. For these reasons, **we are allowing campers to bring small electronics, games, toys, and books from home to use during break times. Please make sure your child's name is on his/her items.**

Currently, we are preparing for the following protocols that will be updated as necessity dictates. They include, but are not limited to the following:

- **Cleaning:** The increased disinfection of our camp facilities and regular sanitation of surfaces and high use areas
- **Camp Staff:** Adequate camp staff to support in cleaning, sanitizing, and caring for the overall health of camp
- **Limited Parent Access:** Curbside drop off and pick up limiting the entering of camp to just camp staff, campers, and authorized personnel
- **Health Screenings/Temperature Checks:** Daily health screenings and rapid temperature checks upon entering camp for all staff and campers; children with temps 100 degrees or above will not be allowed to attend camp that day; trained medical personnel on-site
- **Masks:** The use of face coverings (masks) for both staff and campers will be required; if you don't have one for your child, we are able to provide disposable masks for your child each day
- **Social Distancing/Small Groups:** Social distancing and smaller, self-contained groups (the same campers will stay with their same groups for the duration of the camp day and session)
- **Hygiene:** Scheduled handwashing breaks will be built into each group's schedule; hand sanitizer stations will be available at camp entrance, in each classroom and throughout the museum
- **Activities:** Activities/projects in both the visual and the performing arts part of camp will be modified to limit physical contact; equipment will be cleaned between uses and/or sufficient supplies will be provided for all campers to enjoy.

**Please help us prepare your child for these new safety protocols at camp by doing the following before camp:**

- Let your child know that we will be asking a series of health questions each morning like “have you been coughing” and “have you had a sore throat”
- Let your child know that we will be taking his/her temperature with an infrared thermometer aimed at the forehead each day
- Let your child know that a member of our camp staff will be escorting him/her from the car into camp each morning; parents will say good-bye at the car
- Have your child practice wearing a mask correctly (over nose and mouth) if he/she has not had opportunity to do so previously

We appreciate your patience as we continue to work through the pandemic. We understand that as restrictions continue to be lifted, the need to care for our children is great, not just for working parents, but also for the mental, social, and physical well-being of all our kids. Our every intention and desire is to be here for you as we have done for so many years. Camp will look different this year because our world looks different. However, the magic and fun of camp is still here, and so are we. We wish for your continued safety and health and look forward to seeing you at camp.

Sincerely,

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