

New Art Center
Vacation Art Program
Healthcare Plan 2024

Daily Health Supervision

Daily health supervision will be provided by Teaching Assistants under the supervision of the two on-site Health Care Supervisors.

One Teaching Assistant and one instructor will supervise each group of 12 students in GR 1-7. Camper cohorts will remain consistent throughout the weeklong program. Staff will float between cohorts when needed for specialized activities or to provide breaks for other staff.

Vaccination

Vaccination is critically important to control the spread of vaccine-preventable disease. In 2017, a single case of mumps at a summer camp in Massachusetts resulted in isolation of ill individuals, vaccination of those without evidence of two doses of MMR vaccine at several camps, and quarantine of those who did not have evidence of immunity to mumps and who could not get vaccinated. International staff and campers with missing or incomplete vaccination records made rapid implementation of disease control measures very challenging.

Required Vaccines:

Minimum Standards for Recreational Camps for Children, 105 CMR 430.152, has been updated. Immunization requirements for children attending camp follow the Massachusetts school immunization requirements, as outlined in the Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements table, which reflects the newest requirement: meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY) for students entering grades 7 and 11 (on or after the 16th birthday, in the latter case; see the tables that follow for further details). Children should meet the immunization requirements for the grade they will enter in the school year following their camp session.

Campers, staff and volunteers who are 18 years of age and older should follow the immunizations outlined in the document, Adult Occupational Immunizations.

The following page includes portions of the Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements table and Adult Occupational Immunizations table relevant for camps.

If you have any questions about vaccines, immunization recommendations, or suspect or confirmed cases of disease, please contact the MDPH Immunization Program at 888-658-2850 or 617-983-6800. Address questions about enforcement with your legal counsel; enforcement of requirements is at the local level.

Grades Kindergarten – 6

In ungraded classrooms, Kindergarten requirements apply to all students ≥ 5 years.

DTaP	5 doses; 4 doses are acceptable if the 4th dose is given on or after the 4th birthday. DT is only acceptable with a letter stating a medical contraindication to DTaP.
Polio	4 doses; 4th dose must be given on or after the 4th birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose, or a 5th dose is required. 3 doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4th birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose.
Hepatitis B	3 doses; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
MMR	2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday and the 2nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after dose 1; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
Varicella	2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday and 2nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after dose 1; a reliable history of chickenpox* or laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable

Grades 7 – 12

In ungraded classrooms, Grade 7 requirements apply to all students ≥ 12 years.

Tdap	1 dose; and history of DTaP primary series or age appropriate catch-up vaccination. Tdap given at ≥ 7 years may be counted, but a dose at age 11-12 is recommended if Tdap was given earlier as part of a catch-up schedule. Td or Tdap should be given if it has been ≥ 10 years since Tdap.
Polio	4 doses; 4th dose must be given on or after the 4th birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose, or a 5th dose is required. 3 doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4th birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose.
Hepatitis B	3 doses; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable. 2 doses of Heplisav-B given on or after 18 years of age are acceptable.
MMR	2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday and the 2nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after first dose; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable

Varicella	2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday and 2nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after first dose; a reliable history of chickenpox* or laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
MenACWY (formerly MCV4)	Grades 7: 1 dose; MenACWY required. Grades 11: 2 doses; 2nd dose MenACWY must be given on or after the 16th birthday and ≥ 8 weeks after the previous dose. 1 dose is acceptable if it was given on or after the 16th birthday. Meningococcal B vaccine is not required and does not meet this requirement.

Campers, staff and volunteers 18 years of age and older

MMR	2 doses, anyone born in or after 1957. 1 dose, anyone born before 1957 outside the U.S. Anyone born in the U.S. before 1957 is considered immune. Laboratory evidence of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella is acceptable
Varicella	2 doses, anyone born in or after 1980 in the U.S., and anyone born outside the U.S. Anyone born before 1980 in the U.S. is considered immune. A reliable history of chickenpox or laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable
Tdap	1 dose; and history of DTaP primary series or age appropriate catch-up vaccination. Tdap given at ≥ 7 years may be counted, but a dose at age 11-12 is recommended if Tdap was given earlier as part of a catch-up schedule; Td or Tdap should be given if it has been ≥ 10 years since Tdap
Hepatitis B	3 doses (or 2 doses of Heplisav-B) for staff whose responsibilities include first aid; laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable

*A reliable history of chickenpox includes a diagnosis of chickenpox, or interpretation of parent/guardian description of chickenpox, by a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or designee.

Infection Control / Care of Mildly Ill Campers

Eligible faculty and staff will be required to be vaccinated and boosted for COVID-19 prior to attending camp.

Eligible campers are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated and boosted for COVID-19 prior to attending camp.

Students, Faculty, and Staff will be asked to self-monitor for the symptoms listed below each day. Additionally, Teaching Assistants and Health Care Supervisors will monitor for these symptoms during camp hours:

Fever (100.0 degrees or higher), feverish, chills
Cough
Sore throat
Difficulty breathing
Gastrointestinal distress (nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea)
New loss of taste or smell
New muscle aches
Fatigue *in combination with other symptoms*
Headache *in combination with other symptoms*
Runny nose or congestion *in combination with other symptoms*

As the world around us shifts, we continue to stay on top of the CDC, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and City of Newton guidelines and the various updates in our area. Our current guidelines include:

- Adults, children, and teens with or without the COVID vaccine: Masks are optional in accordance with City of Newton guidelines.

This policy is subject to change in accordance with Newton Public School, local government, or CDC policy.

Policies may shift before classes or during the term to include a mask mandate if required by local government.

If you are sick, please stay home.

Please sanitize and wash your hands frequently – New Art will have sanitizing stations in place.

If a Faculty or Staff member tests positive for COVID . . .

Per the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the positive individual can return to work if they have not had a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines and are not experiencing other symptoms. When returning to work, individuals should avoid crowded indoor spaces, wear a mask when around others indoors, wash their hands often, and avoid spending time with people who are at increased risk for severe disease.

The symptomatic individual should test as soon as possible.

Anyone identified as a close contact:

Quarantining for individuals with known COVID exposure is no longer required regardless of vaccination status. As long as the exposed individual remains asymptomatic, they may attend New Art. Indoor masking is recommended for 10 days following exposure to someone with symptoms or a positive test. If symptoms develop, the person should follow the steps above for determining whether or not they have COVID and when it is appropriate to return to New Art.

Medication Storage

Medication prescribed for campers shall be kept in original containers bearing the pharmacy label, which shows the date of filling, the pharmacy name and address, the filling pharmacist's initials, the serial number of the prescription, the name of the patient, the name of the prescribing practitioner, the name of the prescribed medication, directions for use and cautionary statements, if any, contained in such prescription or required by law, and if tablets or capsules, the number in the container. All over the counter medications for campers shall be kept in the original containers containing the original label, which shall include the directions for use.

All medication prescribed for campers shall be kept in a locked storage container. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be stored at temperatures of 36° to 46°F in accordance with Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy guidance regarding proper storage of refrigerated and frozen medications.

Medication shall only be administered by the **health care supervisor** or by a licensed health care professional authorized to administer prescription medications. **If the health care supervisor is not a licensed health care professional authorized to administer prescription medications, the administration of medications shall be under the professional oversight of the health care consultant.**

Students will be allowed to self-administer medications with written approval from their parent/guardian, while under the supervision of the Health Care Supervisor.

The health care consultant shall acknowledge in writing a list of all medications administered at the camp. Medication prescribed for campers brought from home shall only be administered if it is from the original container, and there is written permission from the parent/guardian.

Procedures for the Use of Insect Repellent

Parent/guardians will be asked to apply insect repellent prior to arrival. Insect repellent should be applied per labeled instructions.

Conducting Tick Checks

In the event that students come into contact with leaf litter or tall grass, parents/guardians will be advised to conduct tick checks.

Procedures for the Use of Sunscreen

Parent/guardians will be asked to apply sunscreen prior to arrival. Sunscreen should be applied per labeled instructions.

Allergy Awareness

Parents/guardians will be asked to disclose any known allergies to the Health Care Supervisors prior to the first day of the program. The New Art Center is a nut free facility.

Health Emergencies and Accidents, Parental/Guardian Notifications

Parents/guardians will be asked to give permission for the Health Care Supervisors to administer basic first aid and/or CPR to their child and/or take their child to the nearest hospital for medical treatment if they cannot be reached or when delay would be dangerous to the child's health.

Parents/guardians are also asked to disclose their child's health history and to note when their child is not permitted to engage in prescribed activities.

Available Ambulance Services

911 emergency services will be used if needed. Students will be taken to the nearest hospital for medical treatment. Parents/guardians will be contacted in the event of a medical emergency.

Provision for Medical Nursing and First Aid Services

The Healthcare Supervisors will be trained in basic first aid and CPR and will be on-site during program hours.

Designated On-Site Camp Health Care Supervisors

The designated on-site Health Care Supervisors will be:

Reggie Woolery, Deputy Director of Education
Sarah Moriarty, Education Coordinator

Name, Address, Phone Number of Health Care Consultant

The Health Care Consultant will be:

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