

The James Black Gallery

COVID-19 Policy - Collective Agreement

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Henceforth this policy will also be enacted for future pandemic or health crises. This document is an ever evolving policy based on changing circumstances and collective consensus. It can be re-evaluated on a by-need basis. These decisions are for everyone's safety and there are no punitive repercussions.

Cleanliness

There are sanitizers in the main bathroom, next to the sign-in sheet in the hallway, and next to the front door. Next to the front door there is also a box of gloves, shoe coverings, extra masks, and cleaning supplies. Please continue to take responsibility for your own PPE as well, but this should help offset any needs.

Studiomates and guests are required to use sanitizer as they enter the building, use the sign in sheet, and wipe down surfaces in the main halls that they use. Additionally, Zandi will continue to try to wipe down surfaces regularly to help maintain cleanliness.

Masks

If there are more than two people in a room (not bubbled) or if there are more than four people on a floor please wear a mask. Additionally if you are navigating floors outside your own space or using main hallways please use a mask for everyone's safety. With masks, they are not meant to be useful past 3-4 hours in constant wear due to moisture soaking them. If you are wearing a mask for the whole day in the space please change it out after a few hours.

Sign In Policy

There is a sign-in policy for all guests or studiomates coming to the space. There is a sign up sheet on the main floor hallway with sanitizer next to it starting August 1st, 2020. This is where business cards/show adverts and the white board of news is usually located. If you bring guests by the gallery please put down their name and contact information and yours. This way if anything happens we will be able to reach out to all people potentially in contact with the space and be doing our part as well.

The sign in sheet will also allow us to keep track of the daily amount of people in the building. If we see a large amount of studiomates coming in daily (ie. 50% or above) then we will re-evaluate guest visitation as well to prioritize studiomates

Guests

Please only invite people into the space if it is a must (gallerist studio visit/ collaboration/ teaching) or if they are within your bubble at this time. Let your shared studiomates know if you are regularly bringing guests by for collective agreement.

Guests should not be touching other studiomates' stuff, but this is especially not okay at this time. If a guest is known to be using or touching other studiomate's stuff and has been warned they will be barred from accessing the space for the rest of this process.

If there are 150 and above cases in BC a day, there are no guests allowed in the space. Until it goes below 100 cases again it will remain that way.

[COVID-19 Cases BC Tracker](#)

If there are regularly 6 or more guests in the building daily we will have to enact a no guest policy for up to a month at a time. This can be re-evaluated as we see shifts in cases and safety.

Event Rentals

The gallery, in order to stay afloat and support the community, will still be having small workshops (of up to six people) and small filming or photography crews in the main gallery area. All crews will be pre-screened, wear masks in hallways and regularly during their other duties (exceptions for models/actors during shoot times), and be outside during any set downtime.

Shared Space

Please use your group chats that have been set up to alert other mates that you will be in. Typically studiomates have been offsetting when one of them are in so that they are not all in at the same time.

If there are group agreements for your room that you would like to see beyond the gallery's collective agreement, utilize these chats to set them up. Please feel free to also make a floor agreement if you feel that other rooms have a lot of interaction with yours (ex: ceramics folks altogether).

The Groups are as follows:

Main Floor

Kitchen Adjacent Vestibule (3)

Second Gallery Room (3)

Basement

Ceramics Room (3)

Ceramics Private Space (2)

Top Floor

Upstairs Sideroom (2)

Upstairs Largeroom (4)