



Dear Graffiti Kids' Families,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have received questions from parents about if and how COVID-19 will affect Graffiti Kids After School this fall. We know this pandemic has been stressful to many and recognize that socializing and interacting with peers can be a healthy way for children to cope with stress and connect with others, particularly after spending quite a bit of time at home. After careful thought and planning, we are excited to let you know that we plan to resume after school for the fall (6 weeks) pursuant to CDC considerations, as well as local guidelines, to protect kids, families, and our staff.

The health and safety of Graffiti Kids and staff remain our highest priority. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking, or will be encouraging, to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible. We are:

- Intensifying cleaning and disinfection practices within our facilities and premises by cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces regularly and as is practicable (e.g., door handles, light switches, sink handles, chairs, tables, etc.), cleaning and disinfecting objects if they are shared (e.g., art supplies, sports equipment, toys, and games), and ensuring safe and correct use and storage of disinfectants.
- Keeping Graffiti Kids After School to a maximum of 10 kids and spacing them out at individual tables 6 ft. away from other kids, as well as putting tape on the floors and signs on the wall to indicate a safe distance of 6 feet.
- Limiting the number of items that are shared or touched between kids and staff by providing individual supplies to each kid, keeping a kid's belongings separated from others and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or areas, and using disposable utensils and dishes, disposable water bottles or juice boxes, and pre-packaged (store bought) snack items.
- Promoting healthy hygiene practices by teaching kids the importance of washing their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, when possible; monitoring kids to make sure they are washing their hands; providing kids with hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when they don't have easy access to soap and water; encouraging kids to cover their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or to use the inside of their elbow; and posting signs about these healthy habits around Graffiti.
- Requiring that staff and kids wear a cloth face covering as feasible. As a reminder, cloth face coverings should not be placed on children younger than 2 years of age or on anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance. Please consult your doctor if you are concerned a mask is detrimental to your child's health.
- Requiring a daily temperature check with a contactless thermometer and screening of staff and kids at drop off. Those with a temperature reading of 100.4 degrees F or higher will not be allowed to stay at Graffiti Kids After School program.
- Having a designated sign in/sign out table for parents/guardians in the entrance foyer at Graffiti, away from kids, to limit contact. We will provide clean pens for each family member to use.



- Limiting outside volunteers from serving with us at Graffiti Kids After School until further notice.
- If a kid does get sick while at Graffiti Kids After School, then we have identified an area where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolate from others until they are picked up by their parent/guardian.

**It is very important that you also help us protect the health of Graffiti Kids this fall:**

- **Anyone who is sick or was sick with COVID-19 or recently in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days— including staff, kids, and families— should not come to Graffiti Kids After School Program.**
- **Please notify the Graffiti Kids After School Director if your child becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms, tests positive for COVID-19, or has been exposed to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.**
- **Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick.**

In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, we will notify local health officials, Graffiti Kids staff, and families with kids enrolled in Graffiti Kids After School immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality. In this case, Graffiti Kids After School will not meet in-person for 14 days following the positive case and will instead move to remote after school programming via Zoom during the regularly scheduled after school days/times.

**We are in this together. In addition to the above, we are relying on you, the program parents, to encourage safe practices with your children and to keep the program informed of anything that could be detrimental to other children or staff.**

If you have any specific questions about this plan, then please contact Tonya Bernard at 212-473-0044 or [tonya@graffitichurch.org](mailto:tonya@graffitichurch.org). We look forward to seeing you soon!

Thank you and stay healthy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonya Bernard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tonya Bernard  
Graffiti Kids Director