

## **The McMichael Welcomes You and Your Students**

### **Five Steps to Success**

1. Count your students on the way to Kleinburg.
2. Any number changes must be reported in advance, and if not, at the first point of contact when you arrive.
3. When you arrive, a McMichael staff member will greet you and help organize your students based on pre-organized groups. Please wait at the designated area.
4. In the Education Space, storage is provided for outerwear, lunches and backpacks.
5. A McMichael instructor will welcome your group and then begin your program.

### **Staff & Visitors Screening Policy**

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection commits to a new Staff Screening Policy to ensure that McMichael Education staff have not travelled outside of the country, were in contact with anyone in self-isolation, or had any symptoms related to COVID-19 within 14 days prior to your school's scheduled visit.

The McMichael will also expect that all visiting students as well as adult visitors will adhere to the same protocol.

### **Group Size**

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection has reduced the maximum number of students within groups visiting the galleries. The number of bookings per day will continue to reflect Ontario Health Department guidelines regarding gatherings.

Please note that these guidelines have affected the ability to offer studio activities on site. McMichael's Signature Studios are now exclusively available through booking Art2Go In-School programs and Virtual Studios are also available.

### **Enhanced Safety and Hygiene Policies Due To Covid-19**

In view of the recent developments regarding COVID-19, the McMichael Canadian Art Collection commits to reinforcing public health measures such as mandatory face coverings, social distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette among visiting students. The increased application of these principles will help prevent and control transmission of any respiratory infectious disease, including COVID-19.

## **Mandatory Face Covering**

In accordance with York Region's mandatory mask policy, please remember that a face covering is required for adults and all students aged 5 or older for all indoor programming. Exemptions are those who cannot wear a face covering because of a medical or other condition.

## **Social Distancing**

All visiting adults and students are asked to please practice physical distancing and remain a minimum of two metres (6 ft.) away from other visitors, staff and students at all times.

## **Hand Hygiene**

All students visiting the McMichael Canadian Art Collection will be reminded about the importance of hand washing with soap and water or hand sanitizing with alcoholic solutions, gels or tissues to maintain clean hands and fingernails. In particular:

- Before and after eating
- After using the toilet
- After coughing/sneezing into a tissue
- After touching anything within the gallery spaces
- Whenever hands look dirty

If soap and water are not available, the McMichael Canadian Art Collection will provide an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (ABHS) that contains at least 60% alcohol. A short visual presentation will be offered at the beginning of the visit, followed by a reminder that touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands should be avoided. Students will also be reminded not to touch any objects or surfaces within the gallery spaces.

## **Respiratory Etiquette**

Describes a combination of measures intended to minimize the dispersion of large particle respiratory droplets when an ill person is coughing, sneezing and talking to reduce virus transmission.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a surgical/procedure mask or tissue. Dispose of tissues in a lined waste container and perform hand hygiene immediately after a cough or sneeze
- OR
- Cough/sneeze into the bend of your arm, not your hand and environmental cleaning of the gallery spaces, as well as checking the staff for possible infection.

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## Environmental Cleaning Policies

In order to promote a safe environment, the McMichael Canadian Art Collection will increase the cleaning routine of frequently used surfaces and objects, including art making supplies used in the gallery and brought to schools, to help to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and mitigate the risk of people becoming infected through self-inoculation after touching contaminated surfaces.

The McMichael commits to increase the cleaning effort to provide a safe environment:

- Cleaning of high traffic public spaces including regular cleaning and disinfecting regimes
- Cleaning of touched surfaces (e.g. elevator buttons, washrooms, tables) frequently and to recommend and facilitate increased hand hygiene.
- Increased cleaning of all art making materials
- Increasing ventilation of the studio spaces (e.g. opening windows when weather permits) that may help reduce transmission.

## Code of Behaviour for Students

Students should behave in a respectful and courteous manner towards all guests, staff, gallery spaces and exhibitions while at the McMichael. Adult supervision for all students is required both in the gallery and on the grounds during the entirety of the visit. When choosing or requesting supervisors for this trip, please communicate that their active assistance is expected, during both programming and free time. Students who do not follow the code of behavior will unfortunately be asked to leave the gallery accompanied by a school chaperone for the remainder of the visit.

## Gallery Guidelines



Please stand one metre back from the walls and display cases. Touching the paintings leads to damage— please enjoy the art with your eyes



Food, gum and beverages are only permitted in the lunch area. Please keep your assigned lunch area clean.



Only graphite pencils are permitted in the gallery (no erasers please).



Please check with gallery staff before taking photos.



Students are encouraged to leave valuables at school. Backpacks are stored in the Education Space.

**Please note that the McMichael is NOT a peanut-free environment.**

**Thank you for choosing to visit the McMichael Canadian Art Collection!**