



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
TECHNOLOGICAL  
AND  
VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

**Guidelines  
for the  
Safe Operation of Schools**

**VISUAL ARTS  
IN A COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT**

## Protocols Visual Arts

The COVID 19 Pandemic and the resulting disruption in education, has caused a re-examination of many of the regular processes which would normally be used to facilitate learning in schools. Practical subjects like Visual Arts have been impacted. The following represents a list of protocols to be considered in the teaching of Visual Arts/Craft and Art and Design at the school level in a COVID 19 Environment.

- Adhere to social distancing of three feet, as determined by Government protocols. If necessary and possible, divide Art class into small work groups and place groups in separate rooms if possible. (There may also be implications for Team Teaching and or for Parent Support, in the organization of large classes.)
- Sanitize students' hands upon entrance to the Art class space and have an easily identifiable hand washing and or hand sanitizing station in the Art room.
- Everyone should be required to wear masks throughout class as determined by Government protocols.
- Sanitize all Art equipment and tools normally stored in the Art Room, before each class.
- There should be minimal sharing of art tools among students; students should be encouraged to walk with their own tools (pencils/crayons/pastels/paint brushes/craft tools etc.). Any materials shared should be re-sanitized before storing in clean containers or Ziploc bags at the end of class.
- Allow students to work in their individual spaces with minimal unnecessary movement across the class/Art room.
- Conduct Art classes outdoors to allow for adequate social distancing with large groups.

- Wipe down or spray all surfaces in the Art Room e.g. chairs, tables, storage cupboards, counter tops etc. before and after classes. (Schools will determine how this function is managed by janitorial staff).
- Monitor and stagger any bathroom breaks to decrease volume of students in the bathroom at any given time.
- Sanitize bathroom or corridor passes used by students before and after use.
- If a student complains of feeling unwell, send him/her to the Principal's office so that appropriate procedures can be followed.