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ArtistsInspire Grants COVID-19 Protocol

This protocol will apply to all ArtistsInspire Grants until COVID-19 is no longer a public health issue in Quebec. We expect the entire 2021-2022 school year to be affected by the pandemic.

The ArtEd Team has had many conversations on our stance on Artists working with schools this year. Our focus is on:

- Our responsibility to do our best in keeping everyone healthy - Artists, Educators, students, their families and the greater communities of the schools.
- ArtistsInspire Program success in reaching schools so that students engage in arts & culture experiences.
 - We need to do everything we can to meet the goals of our funder this year. It is critical that all planned ArtistsInspire experiences actually take place in-person, virtually or as a hybrid of the two to ensure continued program funding.
 - **We will not pay Artists for cancellations or re-scheduling due to COVID-19 class or school closures.** During the 2019-2020 year, school closures were unforeseen - this year we can anticipate that schools may close and be prepared to facilitate ArtistsInspire experiences virtually when that happens. We are available to provide guidance to Artists to adapt their workshop offerings to online. Please see our [Virtual ArtEd Facilitation Guide](#) for tips.

In-Person School Workshop Protocol

If Artists have a physical presence in schools, these recommendations must be followed to minimize risk of virus transmission in schools and communities.

[Conduct a COVID-19 self-assessment](#) before each day you visit a school to ensure you have no symptoms that require you to isolate and test.

All artists are expected to follow COVID-19 protocol as specified by the Government of Quebec and the school board in which the project is taking place.

Travelling to schools: Each school board and school will have their own protocol that informs how far and from where an Artist can travel to the school.

- Your school contact must ensure both the principal and the school board are aware of the plan to have an Artist in-person in the school and to verify their travel restrictions.
- We advise that at any time you only travel between regions that are both in the green zone for COVID-19 transmission.
- All travel must be pre-approved by ArtistsInspire - the Guide to Travel Expenses will be updated for this school year.

During School Facilitation

- **Artists must follow the school's protocol for staff in terms of the personal protective equipment, physical distancing, and hygiene practices.** Expect that you cannot touch student materials, nor can students share materials. You will need to bring your own food and carry out all the waste you create.
- If you are including expenses for materials that students will use in the grant (maximum \$300 including taxes is allowed from the \$1500 grant and must be claimed by the Artist), the school's protocols for teachers to receive and distribute materials to students must be followed.

Your behaviour outside of school visits will impact your virus transmission risk.

Please review the [Government of Quebec's for Health Recommendations for Everyone](#) to see what you can do to minimize risk.

Questions? Contact us: artistsinspiregrants@quebec-elan.org. We will update this protocol as we work with Artists and Schools to plan ArtistsInspire experiences this year.