

J. Paul Getty COVID Safety Guidelines

The Getty Museum is excited to welcome school groups back for in-person field trips in 2022. Since the pandemic, new procedures have been implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure students, teachers, and chaperones have the safest possible experience. The Getty follows all LA County Department of Public Health orders and LA City mandates as they are updated. The following safety measures are currently in place.

In addition to our COVID-19 safety procedures, visitors are expected to respect Getty staff and other visitors. Behavior or language that is inappropriate, abusive, harassing, or threatening, including sexual harassment and racial or other slurs, will not be tolerated. Refusal to follow this Code of Conduct and any rules—whether on print materials or as directed by Getty staff—can result in removal from the site.

Please check the Getty's website for the most up to date information regarding the Getty's COVID-19 Safety Measures - <https://www.getty.edu/visit/covid-safety/>.

Vaccination Requirements or Negative Test

As of April 4, 2022, and in accordance with the City of Los Angeles, visitors are no longer required to show proof of full vaccination, or a negative COVID test to visit the Getty Center and Getty Villa.

Transportation

Per LA County Department of Public Health Orders, when traveling by bus, all students and adults who are not vaccinated must wear their masks the entire transportation time to ensure the safety of all school group individuals and bus drivers.

All Getty Center visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask on the tram, which is considered public transportation.

Masks

In accordance with the requirements of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, all visitors who are fully vaccinated may be unmasked indoors. Visitors who are not fully vaccinated must wear a well-fitting mask while indoors, except when actively eating or drinking. We recommend wearing a KN95, N95, or surgical mask, as they are the most effective at preventing the transmission of viruses. The mask should fit snugly against your nose and chin. The following are not permitted to be worn instead of a face mask: gaiters, bandanas, scarves, ski masks, balaclavas, or masks with an exhalation valve. Face shields are also not allowed instead of a mask but may be worn over one.

Safety Procedures

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present, and Getty cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed during your visit. By visiting the Getty Center or Getty Villa Museum, you voluntarily assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure and accept and agree to abide by our safety procedures. Please be advised that if there is a COVID-19 outbreak at the Getty Center or Villa, information may be shared with public health officials to support contact tracing.

Social Distancing

Visitors are encouraged, although not required, to observe physical distancing indoors and outdoors.

We ask that tour groups adhere strictly to their assigned time slots in galleries to ensure the best possible experience. If you find that you have additional time, we suggest visiting the grounds and gardens and check out our stores. If you would like to revisit our galleries, we ask that students are always chaperoned, and you respect other groups and visitors who are visiting for the first time.

Hand Sanitizing

Hand sanitizing stations are placed throughout the Getty Center and the Villa museums near doors and other high-touch areas. We also encourage students, teachers, and chaperones to wash hands frequently and thoroughly after using restrooms, before and after use.

Respiratory Etiquette

If a student, teacher, or chaperone needs to sneeze or cough, please do so into a tissue into the crook of your elbow.

Museum Cleaning

High-touch surfaces such as door handles and handrails are being cleaned regularly. So are tables, counters, and chairs in the cafes and restrooms are being cleaned four times a day. The Center Tram is being cleaned before opening, hourly during operating hours, and after closing.

Sign of Illness

Just a reminder, that before visiting the museum, check if anyone in your school group has COVID-19 symptoms. This includes, but not limited to fever/ elevated body temperatures greater than or equal to 100.4° F, chills, coughing, shortness of breath or trouble breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, sore throats, nausea, or vomiting, diarrhea, congestion or runny nose, or new loss of taste or smell. **Do not come onsite if you are currently subject to a health isolation or quarantine order.**

In effort to prevent transmission and spread of the virus to our staff or other visitors, we strongly advise that if **any member of the field trip group shows signs of illness, we ask that they do not attend the visit to the museum.** *Please stay home and contact a healthcare provider.*

For more ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19, visit the CDC's [K-12 guidance](#).