

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, older adults and people with severe underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By attending the Soapmaking Studio you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

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Introduction

These temporary modifications to Soapmaking Studio classes are intended to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Originally, the “Temporary Modifications to Classes” was a detailed expansion of our [“Safe Reopening Plan.”](#) Currently, this “Temporary Modifications to Classes” document has been changed to reflect recent changes set by the state of California. The revision date of this document is printed at the bottom of each page.

Beginning June 15, 2021, there will be no physical/social distancing restrictions nor capacity limitations, according to the [California Department of Public Health Blueprint for Industry and Business](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-Framework.aspx). <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-Framework.aspx> Beginning January 16, 2022, for fully vaccinated individuals, face masks are not mandatory in most public areas, while unvaccinated individuals are required to wear face masks, according to the [California Department of Public Health Guidance for Face Coverings](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx). <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

Stringent Cleaning Routines are Implemented

The day before a class, the classroom and student restroom are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. The evening before a class, the classroom and student restroom undergo long-term (over 2 hours) exposure to both UVC and ozone sanitation lights for ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI), as recommended by the CDC website.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/office-buildings.html>

The morning before a class, high-touch surfaces (doorknobs, handles, light switches, phones, computer keyboards, student calculators, countertops, chair backs, sink faucets, and toilet flush levers) are again cleaned and sanitized.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>



Maximum Online Attendance is Increased to 8 Students

To comply with prior stay-at-home orders and promote online learning, the maximum number of students attending online was increased from 4 to 8 students per class. We intend to keep the maximum online attendance at 8 students indefinitely, even after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Online Attendance is Through Google Meet

The old instructions to connect to an online class were through Google Hangouts. The online platform was changed to Google Meet to allow students to easily connect to their online class from the [Calendar](https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/calendar.html) page of our website. <https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/calendar.html>
The instructions for connecting to the online class remain the same; the student should consult the [Recommended Connection Procedures](https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/policies.html#online-connection-procedures), under [Online Attendance](https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/policies.html#online-connection-procedures) policies. <https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/policies.html#online-connection-procedures>

Cancellation Fee is Waived for Cancellation Made at Least 1 Hour Prior to the Class

To discourage attending class while sick, the cancellation fee is waived if the cancellation is made at least 1 hour before the start of class. If you feel ill, please do not attend class; telephone the Soapmaking Studio [+1 \(619\) 668-1435](tel:+16196681435) to cancel as soon as possible—the sooner the better. The usual \$30 cancellation fee is waived (as a temporary modification to COVID-19), as long as the Soapmaking Studio is telephoned 1 hour (or more) prior to the start of class. To avoid a rescheduling fee, it is the student's responsibility to complete the rescheduling of the missed class within 30 days of missing the class.

If you feel ill, *fail to notify the Soapmaking Studio*, and do not attend the class for which you've committed, you will be considered in "no call, no show" status. Please refer to the following sections of the [Policies](https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/policies.html) page of our website for more information.

[Student Registered for a Class to Attend in Person but neither Canceled nor Attended](https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/policies.html#ncns-in-person)
<https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/policies.html#ncns-in-person>

[Student Registered for a Class to Attend Online but neither Canceled nor Attended](https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/policies.html#ncns-online)
<https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/policies.html#ncns-online>

If the instructor or Soapmaking Studio staff become ill, classes will be canceled for 14 days while the instructor and/or staff are quarantined. Students registered for a class within the 2-week quarantine closure will be notified of the cancellation of classes and may choose to receive a full refund or to attend the same class at a later date.

Student Participation in Making Products is Optional

As indicated in our class descriptions, our classes are usually hands-on lab-style workshops where students participate in making products. To help slow the transmission of COVID-19 and maintain student comfort, participation in the making process is entirely voluntary. Students may choose to participate in making products, stand and take single-frame still (not video) photographs of the process, or remain seated. Whichever type of learning experience meets the individual student's comfort level is left up to each student to decide.

Students Have Unlimited Access to Soap, Water, Hand Sanitizer, and Facial Tissues

Students have unlimited access to soap, water, hand sanitizer, and facial tissues. These disease-prevention items may be used at any time and frequent use of them is encouraged. Hand sanitizer and facial tissues are located at the entrance, student desks, and the front counter. Antibacterial soap and water are located at the kitchen sink and in the student restroom. The following instruction sheet on how to correctly wash hands and prevent disease are posted in the student restroom.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/wash-your-hands-bubbles_poster.pdf

Airflow and Air Filtration are Increased During Class

To meet the CDC guidelines for increasing airflow and air filtration, the following shall be implemented 2 hours before the start of class, persist through the time of the class, and continue for at least 2 hours after the end of the class.

- ✓ Windows and doors remain open, weather permitting. In excessively hot weather, the air conditioner screens and filters are cleaned and sanitized within 24 hours before the class.
- ✓ The HEPA plasma filtration machine is running (at medium or higher setting).
- ✓ The large ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI) air sanitizing and filtering unit is running (at medium or high setting).
- ✓ The small ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI) air sanitizing unit is running.
- ✓ The ceiling fan is running (at medium or high setting).
- ✓ Small fans are available upon request.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/office-buildings.html>

If you fear you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please refer to the CDC website.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

Also refer to the CDC website for steps to take if you become sick.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

To find a COVID-19 testing location in California, visit the following site.

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/Nearby/index.html?appid=43118dc0d5d348d8ab20a81967a15401>

This document, "Temporary Modifications to Classes," is available in hardcopy at the Soapmaking Studio, for print as a PDF from <https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/print/temporary-modifications-to-classes.pdf>, and on our website <https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/temporary-modifications-to-classes.html>.