

Summer 2020 Manga Camp: procedures to prevent spread of COVID-19

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Summary

- All staff, volunteers, and campers will be monitored for possible symptoms of COVID-19 and sent home if they appear. We ask for families' cooperation by monitoring themselves and all members of their households on a daily basis, and staying home if symptoms develop.
 - Registration fees will be refunded for any camper staying home to prevent spreading COVID-19, or to protect a vulnerable family member if transmission rates in British Columbia increase.
 - A number of special procedures will be in place to prevent COVID-19 transmission at Manga Camp, including frequent hand-washing, cleaning of surfaces, and physical distancing whenever possible.
 - To improve airflow, the majority of camp activities will be held outside in Nikkei Garden, underneath tents to protect from rain and excessive sun exposure.
 - Our maximum number of campers has been decreased.
 - Manga Camp may be limited in the type of cultural activities we can offer under these conditions compared to the past, and the schedule is more likely to change without notice.
- Thank you for your understanding.

COVID-19 and children

The Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre develops our guidelines relating to preventing the spread of COVID-19 using public health information and directives issued by the provincial government.

The provincial government advises that like adults, children with any common cold, influenza or COVID-19 like symptoms should stay home and isolate for 10 days following onset of symptoms and until symptoms resolve.

Children who become ill with COVID-19 have milder symptoms than adults, if any. Very few become critically ill with this virus. Current research leads us to believe that the majority of cases in children are the result of household transmission by droplet spread from another family member with symptoms of COVID-19 (not from child-to-child contact). Symptoms of COVID-19 in children typically include:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Fatigue
- Some may also experience nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and diarrhea

However, more research is needed to fully understand the role children play in transmitting COVID-19 to more vulnerable members of the population. Until we know more, we must take precautionary measures to minimize community spread and protect our elders and other vulnerable people.

Manga Camp participation and refund policy for summer 2020

Please monitor the health of your child and everyone in your household, and be aware of any factors such as age or pre-existing health conditions which put those in your household at increased risk for developing severe cases of COVID-19.

All Manga Camp participants AND everyone in their households must be free of COVID-19 symptoms in order to participate in the camp. If anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19 within

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10 days of the start of the camp, please notify NNMCC as soon as possible. You will be refunded 100% of your camp fee and placed on a waitlist for priority registration for a future Manga Camp session.

If anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19 while your child is attending Manga Camp, please notify NNMCC as soon as possible and keep your child at home. You will be refunded a portion of your camp registration fee for any remaining days of Manga Camp that your child does not attend, and placed on a waitlist for priority registration for a future Manga Camp session.

If a child begins to display symptoms of COVID-19 while at Manga Camp, they will be isolated from other campers immediately and the primary contact person will be asked to take them home as soon as possible. The child will not be permitted to return to Manga Camp for the remainder of the week. Families will be refunded a portion of the camp registration fee for any remaining days of Manga Camp that the child does not attend, and placed on a waitlist for priority registration for a future Manga Camp session.

If the public health situation in British Columbia around COVID-19 spread requires a tightening of restrictions, one or both sessions of Manga Camp may be cancelled before or during the session taking place. In the case of a camp cancellation before the camp session begins, 100% of registration fees will be refunded. Camps cancelled mid-session will be refunded a pro-rated portion of the registration fee.

If the public health situation in British Columbia around COVID-19 spread worsens after you have registered your child for Manga Camp, **please use your judgement to assess the risk factors for your child and anyone they come into contact with**. Full refunds to registration fees will be provided should you feel the need to withdraw your child from camp prior to the start date due to increasing spread of COVID-19.

Precautions and procedural changes

Our primary location for activities has been shifted to the Nikkei Garden, following evidence that outdoor activities carry a much lower risk for transmission of COVID-19. Campers will participate in some indoor activities, staying indoors for no more than an hour at a time, and have access to indoor washrooms. Open-air tent coverings will be placed in the garden to protect from sun and rain.

We usually take up to 20 campers in one session. This year, the maximum has been lowered to 12. Please note that 12 is a “soft cap” and we will consider making room for one or two more campers depending on circumstances (for example, in the past, we have increased our cap to allow two siblings to fill the final available spot). We will only do this if we can accommodate additional campers safely.

Please make sure your child is familiar with good **hand hygiene** practices, including thorough hand-washing procedures and when they should be washing their hands. See the last page of this document for proper handwashing procedures. Please also make sure your child understands the importance of **physical distancing** and **avoiding touching their face**.

Campers will be required to wash their hands with soap and water:

- upon arrival at the centre each day
- between each activity
- before eating their lunch or snacks
- after using the toilet

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- when hands are visibly dirty or upon request from a camp leader or assistant

We also recommend that campers wash their hands prior to going home for the day. All camp instructors, leaders, and assistants will be required to follow the same hand hygiene practices as the campers.

Physical distancing (keeping at least 6 feet apart from other people) will be strongly encouraged for all campers, leaders, and assistants. Campers will not be permitted to touch each other. These rules may be relaxed for siblings or other campers who share a household, but these campers may be asked to physically distance or avoid touching by camp leaders or assistants in order to help model optimal behavior for all campers.

Table and chair layouts will be adjusted to maximize space between each camper while they sit at activities. Whenever possible, activity supplies (such as pencils and fineliners) for each individual camper will be placed near their seat, rather than having campers help themselves from communal supplies.

Tables and frequently touched surfaces such as door handles will be wiped with antiseptic wipes at least once per day.

Like other respiratory viruses, there is no evidence that the COVID-19 virus is transmitted via paper or paper products.

All camp leaders, assistants, and instructors will be required to self-monitor for possible symptoms of COVID-19. Anyone who begins to display symptoms will be sent home immediately and stay home for the remainder of the camp. **This may lead to unexpected cancellations of some camp activities.** In addition, many of our usual Manga Camp volunteer instructors are at increased risk of contracting serious cases of COVID-19, or share households with high-risk people. We may not be able to offer the same variety of activities as we usually do, and last-minute changes are more likely than usual. We will work hard to provide fun activities for the campers and thank you for your understanding of the challenging situation.

For more information from the government of British Columbia on COVID-19 prevention procedures, please see:

BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool: <https://covid19.thrive.health>

BC's Restart Plan: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan>

Checklist – see pages 8-10 for childcare, school, and camp recommended guidelines
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-recovery/gdx/go_forward_strategy_checklist_web.pdf



REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. WASH YOUR HANDS.



1

Wet hands with warm water



2

Apply soap



3

For at least 20 seconds, make sure to wash:



4

Rinse well



5

Dry hands well with paper towel



6

Turn off tap using paper towel



palm and back of each hand



between fingers



under nails



thumbs

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