



COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols – Art Vendor Program

As of June 11, 2021, the City of San Francisco has a new order in regards to COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols. The order places certain requirements on individuals. Please read through these materials to ensure you and your business are in compliance.

The full text of the San Francisco Department of Public Health Order

- <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/files/C19-07-Safer-Return-Together-Health-Order.pdf>

A Summary of the Order

- <https://sf.gov/news/sf-prepares-reopen-businesses-and-activities-nearly-full-alignment-states-beyond-blueprint>

How to Operate Your Business in San Francisco

- <https://sf.gov/operate-your-business-during-coronavirus-pandemic>

State of California Guidance on Masks

- <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

Additional State of California Resources and Guidance

- <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/>

In cooperation with the City Attorney, the San Francisco Arts Commission has confirmed that the Art Vendor Program may operate, utilizing a set of regulations provided by the City. Please see below for the list of requirements art vendors must follow in order to operate.

Required Regulations

Art Vendors are outdoor businesses and they must comply with the following requirements. Any vendor who does not abide by these requirements may not continue to operate. Under this definition, each individual art vendor is considered a business, which means each art vendor is responsible for abiding by these regulations.

License Fee: Anticipated Waiver

- The Mayor's Office has agreed to waive the art vendor license fee. Reducing the fee requires passing legislation through the Board of Supervisors. Once the legislation is passed, the fee waiver will be in effect. We anticipate this to occur in the third quarter of the calendar year.

Proration

- The license fee for Fiscal Year 2022 is \$863. Quarters are \$215.75 each.
- License fees will be prorated based on date of payment, when the fee waiver goes into effect, and whether or not an artist was licensed during the program suspension.
- Please contact staff to understand what your options are for renewal: credit, invoice, or proration.

Payment

- Due to the impending fee waiver, Arts Commission staff will invoice artists once the fee is in effect. Payment will be taken virtually through the online portal. No in person payment will be accepted at this time.

Lottery

- The lottery is entirely virtual. The Wharf and Embarcadero lotteries for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be drawn using the online lottery system. Results will be dispersed Wednesdays at 5pm.
- Before 9am on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, an artist with a higher number may bump another from a space. After 9am, the spaces are first come first served. There will be no shared map or sign-in sheet to cut down on contact between artists.

Spacing

- Art Vendor spaces are returned to pre-COVID maps. However, social distancing and barriers between booths and customers are recommended.

Signage

- Art vendors are responsible for posting signage at their booth about the Public Health Order in multiple languages.
- The Arts Commission can provide some signs to vendors, more are available here: <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>

Sanitation

- Sanitation: gloves, masks, disinfectant are not required, but highly encouraged.

Crowd Control

- Art Vendors must ensure the social distancing of their patrons. A market manager will be provided at Embarcadero Plaza on Saturday to help with crowds.

These requirements are subject to change. Any one art vendor who violates these regulations puts the entire program at risk. If individuals do not comply, the Arts Commission will suspend program operations.