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Dear Idyllwild Arts Summer Program Parents, Students, and Community,

Things have changed so rapidly since we last wrote to you earlier in March. We are moved and heartened by the warm spirit and kindness of our global community of artists. Since the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, began to spread across California, so many of you have reached out to express your concern for our students and support of the decisions we have made to keep our students, school, and town safe. The global pandemic is affecting all of our families, our businesses, our communities, and our way of life. Our hearts go out especially to those of you who have been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19. You can stay updated on Idyllwild Arts communications on the issue by visiting at any time by visiting [www.idyllwildarts.org/covid-19-information/](http://www.idyllwildarts.org/covid-19-information/)

Today, we are sharing with you answers to the most frequently asked questions we are receiving at this time.

**Has there been a known case of COVID-19 on the campus of Idyllwild Arts?**

Idyllwild Arts is not aware of a student or employee who was classified as a person under investigation nor have there been any known cases of COVID-19 on the campus of Idyllwild Arts.

**What are the plans for Summer Program workshops, festivals and concerts?**

We know many of you have registered your children, grandchildren or yourselves for Summer Program workshops. Summer Program is still several months away, and we are determining the best path forward to delivering opportunities that will inspire your artistic spirit.

**Will Academy students return to school after Spring Break?**

Idyllwild Arts employees are now operating under the Stay at Home order, mandated by the State of California. Only those conducting essential work are required to come onto campus. While we do not know when Governor Gavin Newsom's order will be lifted, we have prepared for classes to resume online only for the foreseeable future. Therefore, neither students nor teachers will return to campus following Spring Break in April.

**How will Idyllwild Arts students continue receiving arts instruction online?**

Idyllwild Arts students are a special community of learners who are passionately dedicated to the study of art. Teachers are providing online instruction knowing that students want to stay on track and improve their skills. The use of videos, Zoom video conferencing, Google Hangouts and other online teleconference platforms will help our students and teachers remain connected.

**Do you expect Idyllwild Arts students to return before the end of the school year?**

We are prepared to keep classes online as long as is necessary to keep our students safe during this global health crisis. We will continue to adhere to the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and state and local officials to determine whether or not our students can return to campus this academic year.

As Academy students work remotely, we seek to create online communities designed to capture "aha" moments that come only with hard work and grit. We believe that the lessons we are learning now will benefit all Idyllwild Arts students for years to come. We will continue to teach our diverse community of learners to be creative and innovative as they, too, prepare to address the world's challenges.

From all of us at Idyllwild Arts, we wish you well and, as always, we are available to you for any questions or concerns.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Davis".

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