COVID-19 SAFETY POLICY
~Updated November 2021~

Following CDC recommendation as they develop, AfA has had a COVID-19 Safety Policy in effect since March 2020. It is updated as necessary, based on updated advice from the CDC.

While Art from Ashes programs are built on the need for human interaction and interpersonal connection, we made the choice to go entirely virtual in March of 2020. When CDC recommendations changed as effective vaccines were made available, we partially reopened in July of 2021 and are now committed to providing both in-person and virtual programming. On-site in-person programs, as well as all office personnel, must follow our Safety Policy below.

AfA Safety Requirements For The Office:

- Only AfA personnel who are fully vaccinated* will be allowed in the office (proof will be required†).
- AfA personnel and guests will be required to mask in indoor shared spaces when social distancing is not possible.
- AfA personnel and guests will be required to wash their hands frequently. Hand sanitizing stations are in every room.

AfA Safety Requirements For On-Site Workshops:

- Only facilitators and guest poets who are double vaccinated can participate in youth workshops (proof will be required). If you are over the age of 24 and unvaccinated, we encourage you to participate in our virtual workshops.
- Masks are required for all AfA personnel and guests during youth workshops, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks are required for all youth participants age 12 and older.
- Any youth or adult participant who has recently experienced cough/fever/runny nose/etc. will be asked to stay home.
- AfA staff will sanitize the restroom and all surfaces in the workshop room before and after youth workshops.

* Fully Vaccinated means two (2) weeks after receipt of a second dose in a two dose-series of a COVID-19 vaccine, such as the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or Moderna vaccine, or two (2) weeks after receipt of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.
† a photo of a COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or immunization record obtained from CIIS, either directly or through the MyColorado application or another verified health application, stored on a phone or electronic device; or documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation issued a public service announcement confirming that fraudulent vaccination cards are illegal and punishable by law, including fines, imprisonment, or both.
- AfA staff will sanitize pens, journals, and art/writing materials after youth workshops.
- Microphones will not be used without disposable, sanitary caps.

**CDC Recommendations As Of November 14, 2021:**

Now that all Coloradans age 5 and older have access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, masks are only required in certain places for people who are not fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated people can go without masks in public indoor spaces unless the setting requires otherwise.

Public Health Order 20-38 requires unvaccinated people to wear masks in specific settings, including schools, child care centers, medical facilities, prisons, and jails. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) encourages people who are not fully vaccinated to wear masks in all other public indoor spaces to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Unvaccinated people are encouraged to continue wearing masks in all public indoor spaces.

**IF LOCAL GUIDELINES CHANGE**

We will follow state and local guidelines regarding masking and gathering. If gathering restrictions are put in place by local authorities, all in-person programming will migrate to virtual programming, and all registrations will transfer accordingly.

For information on Colorado COVID-19 vaccinations, proof of vaccination, and Colorado laws regarding proof of vaccination, please see the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment here.