Dear STEAM Camp Families,

We are looking forward to another summer of STEAM Camp at the Cathedral School! As we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of our campers is always at our highest priority. We will continue to rely on the guidance of our health professionals and our state and local officials. We understand that those guidelines are fluid and have the potential to be updated throughout the summer. Currently, we are preparing for the following protocols for camp:

**Vaccination Requirement**
All eligible campers are required to be up to date on vaccination prior to the first day of camp. Booster doses are required for individuals age 12+.

**Mask Policy**
Masks will be optional for both indoors and outdoors. However, the Camp can and may require an individual to wear a mask depending on circumstances. This includes campers exposed to COVID-19, ending isolation, or exhibiting symptoms, and when visiting the health office. All campers should continue to keep a surgical or N95/KN95/KF94 mask in their personal belongings for the times when masking becomes necessary. Please note that cloth masks are not as effective as surgical masks or N95/KN95/KF94 masks. Cloth masks are not permitted when masking is mandatory for the above reasons. Cloth masks may be worn if your camper is not required to mask, but chooses to have additional protection.

**Weekly Testing Protocol**
Campers who have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days will be required to take rapid antigen tests on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings before arriving at camp. Rapid test kits will be sent home weekly on Mondays and will continue to be made available to known close contacts as supplies allow. We may require additional rapid antigen and/or PCR testing for individuals who are symptomatic or exposed.

**Sick Policy**
Campers with symptoms of COVID-19 that are not explained by a known medical condition (i.e. asthma, seasonal allergies, chronic headaches) should stay home from camp. They should remain home until they have tested negative on two rapid tests 24 hours apart, or on a PCR test. Campers with fever or vomiting must stay home until they have been free from both for at least 24 hours, without the use of medication. Campers with other symptoms may return after testing negative, but must remain masked at all times indoors, unless eating or drinking, until symptoms fully resolve.
Communicating with the Camp Nurse
Please let the camp nurse know if your child develops any symptoms; tests positive; or is exposed to Covid-19 outside of camp. You must communicate regarding all out-of-camp exposures, and especially household exposures (when someone who lives in the same home as your camper tests positive). Please be patient when emailing the camp nurse outside of camp hours, and keep your camper home until you hear back from the nurse.

Refunds
No refunds will be issued if your child tests positive before camp. Accommodations to attend a later camp date will be made based on availability.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility and cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of our community. Any further questions regarding this health update can be directed to Nurse Boyarsky at mboyarsky@catheralnyc.org. We look forward to welcoming you to camp this summer!

Warm Regards,

The STEAM Camp Team