

Safe Start Studio Access Guide:

METAL & STONE STUDIOS

New protocols are listed below. The expectation is that they will be fully followed by everyone using the space. Access may be suspended or revoked at any time if protocols are not followed properly.

In addition to Pratt-wide requirements such as mask-wearing, distancing and health screenings, the following protocols apply to use of the Metal & Stone Studios:

Occupancy Limits

- Fabrication: 4 users max
- Forging/Blacksmithing: 3 users max
- Stone Yard: 3 users max
- Tool Room: 1 user at a time
- Sandblaster: 1 user at a time
- Sinks, cabinets & storage areas, shared stationary equipment: 1 user at a time
- Hallways, entries & doorways: 1 person max
- Mold Room: 1 user max

Work Zones

Dedicated individual work zones for users in the Fabrication and Forging studios will be marked with tape on the floor. This will allow users to focus on their work at hand rather than needing to give full attention to monitoring other people that may be moving around the studio. Whether welding or not, welding screens are a good option to mark out your personal space while protecting other's eyes from the welding arc. Please keep the equipment in designated zones. If it is necessary to move something, please return it when you leave.

Circulation

Users are expected to follow all posted instructions when moving through Pratt spaces. This may include floor markings indicating restricted one-person zones and one-way pathways.

Reservation Time Slots

Appointments and payment will be made online to reduce the amount of interactions our front desk staff needs to make with the public. After making a reservation, report directly to the studio at your assigned time. Early arrival is strictly prohibited.

- 9:00am-1:00pm daily
- 1:30pm-5:30pm daily
- Pratt will be closed in the evenings to allow for streaming/recording of online classes

Reservation Limits

Initially, Accessed Users will be limited to 5 reservations per week (Monday-Sunday). For example, a user has a project they need to finish by Friday. They have a maximum of 5 allowed reservations per week. They can choose to reserve one slot per day Monday–Friday. Or they can choose to reserve two consecutive slots on Monday, two consecutive slots on Wednesday, and one slot on Thursday.

Tool Room

- The number of hand tools available will be reduced
- Welding Jackets will no longer be available for anything other than emergency use
- Be prepared to provide more of your own tooling. This will ensure cleanliness and availability of desired tooling
- Strict cleaning of Welding Hoods must be followed or they will be removed from studio

- All users must provide their own PPE (gloves, mask, eye and ear protection); Pratt will no longer provide shared PPE \=]

Fabrication Studio

This studio will require keen observance of the 6' distancing requirement as people will be traveling through the studios and as they move from tool to tool. Being aware of where you are within the space and direct communication with other accessed users about their upcoming needs to use tools or areas will be crucial for adhering to the 6' rule. Coordinating with each other will be key, and is an act of responsible kindness.

Blacksmithing Studio

This studio will require keen observance of the 6' distancing requirement as people will be traveling through the studios and as they move from forge to anvil or other equipment. Being aware of where you are within the space and direct communication with other accessed users about their upcoming needs to use tools or areas will be crucial for adhering to the 6' rule. Coordinating with each other will be key, and is an act of responsible kindness.

Stone Yard

This studio will require keen observance of the 6' distancing requirement, however due to it's location being outdoors, ventilation will aid in keeping the air clear. Being aware of where you are within the space and direct communication with other accessed users about their upcoming needs to use shared tools or areas will be crucial for adhering to the 6' rule. Coordinating with each other will be key, and is an act of responsible kindness.

Tool Maintenance

If a tool needs maintenance or a blade breaks send an email to Technician Brian Haddix at bhaddix@pratt.org.

All of these steps are vital as there will not be as many eyes on the space and your help is required to keep the studios safe and open.

Cleanup & Sanitization

Users should be fully cleaned up with personal items and artworks removed by the end of their appointment time. Users then have an additional 15 minutes to sanitize the spaces that were used, according to the Disinfecting Guidelines.

Disinfecting Guidelines

Upon entry, use the hand sanitizing pump or go to the bathroom and wash your hands for 30 seconds. Do not enter the wood studio without doing so.

The Metal & Stone studios will adopt the practice of disinfecting as you go as well as at the end of each appointment. This system will mirror protocol at a gym. Users are expected to wipe down/disinfect every surface they touched.

Sanitizing wet wipes or disinfecting spray are to be used on tool handles, clamps, welding torches, cutting torches, vices, on/off switch, door handles, light switches.

Disinfecting spray (isopropyl alcohol) is to be used on metal workbenches (a light mist covering the entire surface) and misted on metal tooling (as it will flash off quickly and not rust tools. Please let Sculpture Studio Manger or Sculpture Technician know immediately if metal surfaces start to rust.) This includes hammers, tongs, chisels, gas tank valves and any hand tool that might have been used during your work time.

Sanitizing wet wipes and disinfecting spray bottles will be located:

- in the Tool Room in the main studio

- by the sink in the Fabrication studio
- near the broom hanging station in the hallway by Manager's Office
- on the shelves for MIG welding wire in the Fabrication studio
- near the tongs cage in the Forging studio
- on the table by the steel cabinets
- on the tool cabinets in the stone yard

Please let Metal & Stone Technician know immediately if tools or equipment show any sign of distress due to frequent cleaning.

Picking Up Artworks

Users needing to pick up works outside of their Reservation Time, must pass the health screening upon entry and maintain 6' distancing from active users while moving through the space. You may have to request a pathway and wait for active users to clear certain areas before proceeding. No pick-ups after 5:30pm.

Posted Instructions & Signage

Observe all signage in the studio. This signage may include changes to instructions as needed.

Subject to Change

Be prepared for guidelines to change as new information will come out as needed.

Questions

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Jewelry, Metal & Stone Studio Manager, Monica Street via email: mstreet@pratt.org.