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Greetings,

Arlington Cultural Affairs staff continue to meet virtually with all Arlington arts grantees about the ongoing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on the recommendations from our Public Health officials we have determined it is in the best interest of continuing to protect the public health and safety of the Arlington Arts grantees and others not to resume their programs at this time.

Further, in consultation with the Arlington County Manager's Office (CMO), Arlington Public Schools (APS), and the Arlington Commission for the Arts (ACA), we have determined County-run arts facilities (3700 Four Mile Run, Lee Arts Center and shared facilities with APS) will remain closed. This includes theatres, rehearsal spaces, art galleries, art studios, scenery shop, costume shop, offices and storage spaces. We will reassess the feasibility of reopening of these facilities for adult arts activity for Summer 2021 in April and May. Summer camps will resume in 3700 S Four Mile Run on June 21, 2021 under the auspices of the Department of Parks and Recreation, but with changes to enhance safety and consistency.

The Arlington Cultural Affairs Division is committed to persevering during this challenging time by focusing on innovation and alternative means of distributing content. We are in constant touch with national and regional arts leadership to keep abreast of trends and funding, and we will continue to connect you with relevant resources.

In the meantime, AED's Biz Launch team

<https://www.arlingtoneconomicdevelopment.com/start-and-grow-your-small-business/> would be happy to work with any artists on strategies to continue operating their business during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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