

## Berkeley Castle Covid 19 - Tenant Update #42 - January 4, 2021

Happy New Year!

### Local Good News:

Back in the spring, I gave the link to a video ([vimeo samples](#)) made by a local non profit arts group called [Jamii](#) . When their spring and summer plans and events had to be cancelled, they pivoted and embraced what COVID restrictions would still permit them to do. I have attached a full copy of their year end review to which they say:

*"This shows how Jamii has adapted to the pandemic and offered creative respite to our community during a rather challenging year. All in one, we organized 101 workshops with 166 participants, and we produced 34 public events, with 91 artists and we counted 2300 audience members. However, beyond numbers, it is what we have shared with the Jamii family (artists, participants, audience and everyone connected to the programming) that matters the most. While memories are intangible, they last for a lifetime."*

Best of all, is that because of this outstanding work, they were this years recipient of The [Community Arts Award](#) from the [Toronto Arts Foundation](#) . 2021 is Jamii's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we can look forward to their innovative projects for this year. All this, right at our doorstep on The Esplanade.

### Knowledge is better (especially when it comes to the new COVID variant):

The more we know and understand the better.... Which, as of today, is still not too clear to me. The best advice I'm reading is to be extra vigilant with all the existing procedures - Don't go out unless you have to, keep your distance, wear a good mask, and adhere to strict sanitization procedures. [Covid variant info](#)

For those of you who need to come into Berkeley Castle, the admin office is open, but we kindly request that you not pop by in person, unless unavoidable. Please limit where you walk throughout the complex, wear your mask, and wash your hands often.

**Stay home, stay safe ---  
Lets get those #'s down.  
Linda Leistner**



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