

Dear Families,

So happy to give you the good news that we have set a date to resume our Children's Sunday School. (Birth-6th grade) Reopening date is Feb. 7th. We have missed the sound of children in our church; however, we do understand that we are still experiencing a pandemic. We have to make a new "norm" as we re-enter this face-to-face phase. One of the main goals is to keep everyone at church as healthy and safe as possible. In an effort to do this, below you will find our updated illness policy for you to review and new guidelines.

We are UNABLE to resume our extended 8:30 & 11:00 worship session childcare at this time.

Many illnesses are contagious and we have to be careful not to unnecessarily expose the children and volunteers. I have a responsibility to protect your child, the other families and our volunteers. Based on my experience, there is a lot of "gray area" that surfaces when a child is feeling less than their best. Because of this uncertain time, I ask that each parent be overly conservative and to think about whether or not their child should attend church that day.

Please keep your child home if...

Fever in the past 24 hours.	Cough/Shortness of breath	Headache
Diarrhea in the past 24 hours	Skin rash	Sore throat
Vomited in the past 24 hours	Eye Infection	Common cold
Stomach pain	Loss of taste or smell	Runny nose

If we become aware after a child has been dropped off that they have experienced any of the symptoms or start showing symptoms, we will immediately come and get a parent to remove the child from the classroom.

In an effort to keep people safe, create a traffic flow that promotes social distancing ,and to reduce gathering in the hallways we will adhere to the following guidelines until further notice.

- One adult drop off and pick up to reduce number of people in our preschool and children's hall.
- Please adhere to the 6 feet social distancing rule.
- All adults and children are required to wear a facemask covering nose and mouth unless they are 2 yrs. old or younger.
- If you have youth children, please have them meet you in another area besides the Kid's Ministry wing.
- If you are picking up or dropping off a preschooler please enter hall by welcome desk and go to your child's room. (PLEASE DO NOT ENTER CLASSROOM). After dropping off or picking up your child , please continue down the hall and not backtrack through Kid's Ministry desk area.
- In our preschool wing all other family members need to wait outside the area.
- If your adult Sunday School class goes past 10:45, please come pick up your child. We do not want to release elementary age children and have them congregate in the hall outside of parent's Sunday school classrooms. We need also to be mindful that your child's Sunday School teacher needs enough time to sanitize and go to Worship.
- 5th & 6th graders can be released to worship center or parents can choose to pick up their child.
- 1st - 6th graders, no outside snacks or drinks. Kids will need to keep mask on at all times.
- Preschoolers will have a pre-packaged snack.
- Teachers and children's temperatures will be taken.
- Teachers and children will use hand sanitizer when entering classroom and throughout the hour.
- Because of limited classroom size we may have to move children around to other classrooms on a Sunday morning to allow for proper social distancing.
- For infants and toddlers, we will no longer issue pagers. We will text your phone if you are needed.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our policy. I appreciate your partnership in keeping one another as healthy as possible.

Julie Phelps
Kid's Minister