



Dear THRIVE Parents,

We are excited to announce that we will be restarting THRIVE Kids on **March 21, 2021!** Thank you for your patience during these abnormal circumstances as we try to follow CDC, State, and our elders' guidance. Your children's safety was and still is paramount during this pandemic! We wanted to ensure proper protocols were planned out, discussed, and ready to be implemented before starting back up. We are excited to start back up and want to thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing your kids again at THRIVE Kids.

We understand that there may still be a degree of hesitancy for parents as you want to ensure your kids are protected to the best of your ability. We share these concerns and have put together new protocols we will be implementing that follow CDC guidelines. We want to share these with you to hopefully help calm any fears as well as demonstrate our effort to safely respond to the pandemic.

The following changes will be initiated on **March 21, 2021:**

- **Masks: ALL** teachers and helpers will be required to wear masks or some kind of face shields in accordance with the Governor's order for indoor spaces. These items can be removed when a distance of approximately 6' or greater can be observed. These scenarios might occur, for example, when teaching a lesson in front of the class. When in close proximity of a child (i.e. while helping with a craft), we will require masks or face shields to be worn.
- **Temperature Checks:** We will temperature check teachers, helpers, and children prior to service each Sunday. This will be done during Check-In by the Guides.
- **Boundaries:** We will have square mats for the PreK-5th graders set on the floor to help maintain a 6' distance between family groups during teaching and mission times. When sitting at tables we will space the children out appropriately.
- **Limiting Exposure:** We have merged the typical two groups of children into one in order to ensure there is an ample number of THRIVE Kids team members to focus on the health and safety precautions. The kids will go **directly into the children's space** for roll call instead of remaining in the hallway to limit possible congregating.
- **Hand Sanitizer and Hand Wipes:** These items will be provided to the kids upon entry of the space and periodically handed out when switching between activities.
- **Sanitary Totes:** Totes will be in the spaces for any toys that are touched by a family unit so they can be disinfected at the end of the service. For the nursery space we will have rotating bins every Sunday so the same bin of toys is not being used consistently.
- **Ziplock Craft Supplies:** Each family will have its own assigned zip lock bag of craft supplies that will be used by them each week.

The following changes we ask and encourage you to help us in:

- **Potential Illness:** If you suspect your child has a fever, check it at home before arriving at church. Also, to reiterate the CDC guidelines: If your child has been feeling unwell or has a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, please do not come.
- **Masks:** Encourage your children over 2 to wear their masks.
- **Temperature Checks:** In case of a high temperature reading, we will wait several minutes to take a second one. If the temperature reading is still high, we ask that you take your children and as a family pick up a get-well bag and **leave the service to avoid risk of infecting others.**
- **Follow Rules:** Encourage your kids to respect the boundaries, sanitize, only use what is in their craft bag, and stay within the family unit and on the mat. ***Note: We recognize there are differing beliefs concerning this pandemic, but we ask that you RESPECT others and teach your kids to do the same while in THRIVE Kids.***

We are excited to embark on this journey with you and together we will continue to navigate these times with the Lord's guidance. Situations might change, and the need to adapt might add more safety measures to THRIVE Kids. One thing is for sure, your children and you are a precious gift to this family, and we want to treat both spiritual and physical health to the best of our ability. It is important to us that our kids be taught the Word of God and stay safe doing it. Thank you for partnering with us and if you have any questions please feel free to reach out and contact us at info@THRIVEkg.org.

DISCLAIMER: Real life circumstances are much more challenging than guidelines on paper. Particularly in Nursery and PreK, the kids do not understand the necessity for the health protocols. Potential exposure is in reality a risk. This is a RISK that you the parents take when sending them to THRIVE Kids. We ask that if you want to avoid any chance of your kids contracting COVID-19 that you do not send them to THRIVE Kids. THRIVE Christian Fellowship is in no way responsible for or at fault if your kids contract COVID-19. By reading this letter you acknowledge the risks.