



AWANA

2020 – 2021

(Covid-19 Response Plan – Cubbies through T&T)

(Updated as of 10/13/20)

## **General Comments:**

For the First Baptist Church Awana Program Covid-19 Response plan, we will adopt similar color-coded guidance in line with the ND K-12 Smart Restart Plan. We will utilize the same basic colors as this system with Blue being the least restrictive and Red the most restrictive.

The decision to move between colors will be made based on a review of data which may include, but not be limited to:

- The current color phase identified by the Minot Public School District.
- Confirmed Covid-19 cases in Ward County.
- Known exposure within our Awana Club.
- Evidence of community spread.

We will also look to guidance issued by the First District Health Unit and the ND Department of Health.

Regardless of the Color code in place, the following precautions will be taken weekly:

- Appropriate enhanced cleaning of all Awana areas will occur weekly before club start.
- Hand gels will be available in numerous, multiple locations throughout the facility.
- Specific traffic flow will be expected in certain areas as follows:
  - North Stairwell will be Down-flow only.
  - West Stairwell will be Up-flow only.
- Please do not bring your children to clubs if you or others in your family are experiencing the following:
  - Cough
  - Fever or chills
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- Any student or leader who has been in close contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19 in the past 14 days must not attend club on site.

In an attempt to assist with planning for this year's club, we are strongly suggesting that you pre-register your children through one of these two options:

- Complete the on-line registration on the First Baptist Church website.
- Call the Church office at 701-852-4533 to register your child.

If you prefer not to bring your children to the Church under any circumstances, but would like to participate in Awana, please note this when pre-registering (At-Home Club).

## COLOR CODED SYSTEM

Our plan is to post the Awana Color Code for that week on the First Baptist website by Tuesday afternoon at 5pm.

The ND K-12 Restart Plan and the MPS Health and Safety Reintegration Plan provide these general descriptions: Blue/Green (full operation w/ additional safety precautions), Yellow (Heightened exposure risk & transmission is controlled), Orange/Red (significant transmission and high risk of exposure). A general guideline for what this color-coded system might look like in our Awana program is summarized below:

### BLUE/GREEN

- Traditional Model
- Masks are encouraged, but are not required

### YELLOW

- Hybrid Model for Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T Clubs
- Masks are encouraged, but are not required

### ORANGE/RED

- Distance Learning Model
- Church closed for clubs on Wednesday night

If your child's school shuts down and moves to distance learning due to specific risks at that school, please move your child and their family members to the distance learning model below.

#### Traditional Model (Blue/Green)

- Groups will meet in normal settings of 1 leader to 4 or 5 clubbers with all groups present. In certain rooms (especially Cubbies & Sparks), this can result in children in very close contact with other children and leaders.
- All weekly precautions listed above are applicable.
- If parents are uncomfortable with this setting, we will be providing an "At-Home Club." See description of this option below.

#### Hybrid Model (Yellow)

- Approximately ½ of the Clubbers and leaders will be present on a given Wednesday night. Family units will be assigned to either Group A or Group B. On Wednesday night, Group A will meet at the Church and Group B will remain at home. The following Wednesday night, Group B will meet at Church and Group A will remain at home. This will provide greater physical distancing within the club setting, but still provide for individualized attention to clubbers with their leaders.
- Regarding the Group at home:
  - The group leaders within that Group will also be at their homes. Those leaders will make contact through a phone call to their clubbers on those nights in order to maintain

the student/leader contact and club interaction. The handbook lesson and verse can be discussed over the phone as well as general social interaction between the leader and clubber. This leader contact will not happen with Cubbies.

- We will work to make the general council time presentations available to the at home clubber as well. This may vary throughout the year. The options may be to use Facebook Live for live streaming on the First Baptist Website, or to record the council time and make available also on the Church Website (more to come on this as we develop procedures).
- Parents will need to take a greater role in stepping through the Handbook with their child on those Wednesday nights at home.
- For the evenings that kids have Clubs from home, the Clubber's parents/guardian and club leader will determine to whom the clubber recites their verses and who will sign off in the Clubbers handbook.

#### Sparks / T&T Distance Learning Model (Orange/Red)

- All learning will take place at home.
- Parents will take a greater role in stepping through the Handbook with their child each Wednesday night.
- Clubbers will remain with their assigned group leader.
- The child's group leader will make contact with the clubber each Wednesday night through a phone call. They will discuss the verse and that week's lesson.
- As noted above regarding general council time presentations, we will try to make these available to the clubbers at home. They will likely be taped early and made available Wednesday nights so you are able to have "Clubs" at home in one evening setting.
- The clubber's parents/guardian and club leader will determine who the clubber recites their verses to. The parents would sign off on completed verses in the handbook.

#### Cubbies Distance Learning Model (Orange/Red)

- All learning takes place at home.
- Parents work with Cubbies in books & sign off as sections are completed.
- Parents will inform the child's leader of completed sections. Occasionally, the child's leader will send the appropriate awards to the Cubbie.
- Unlike Sparks/T&T Distance learning above, Leader's will not call their Cubbies during this time.

At Home Club - If you are uncomfortable with bringing your child to clubs on Wednesday nights during the Blue/Green/Yellow phases, we would still like to make clubs available to you. We will simply have you follow the Distance Learning model noted above. For those parents that would prefer their child to recite their verse to a leader, another modified approach may be to bring your Clubber to a designated area (possibly the back of the sanctuary) for reciting their verses to a leader and simply leaving when finished.

### **Important Parental decision:**

Although we will do what we can to protect our clubbers and leaders, we cannot guarantee the protection against contraction of Covid-19. Therefore, the decision is ultimately up to you as parents and guardians at what level to participate within the Awana Clubs at First Baptist Church.

### **Other Aspects of Clubs:**

Sparks & T&T Clubs:

- Game time
  - Blue/Green - Game time will be modified to involve as little touching of people and objects as possible. As Clubbers enter the gym and leave the gym, they will be asked to Gel their hands.
  - Yellow – Game time will be further modified to involve additional social distancing and will likely not be as physical.
  
- Awana Store
  - Blue/Green – Awana store will still occur. Clubbers will be asked to Gel their hands upon entering and exiting the gym.
  - Yellow – Store will be suspended until the threat level has been reduced to Blue/Green. In any regard, Awana bucks will still continue to be earned and clubbers will be allowed to redeem their bucks.
  - Orange/Red – See Yellow above.