

Dear church family,

Children's ministry (phase 1) re-entry for both families & leaders will look a bit different as we adhere to Covid-19, CDC and local Health Department guidelines. In an effort to properly disinfect and sanitize classrooms and keep areas free from contagion, there's a series of steps we must take as a ministry as we prepare to open the children's wing. We are prayerfully crafting our re-entry plan for families, children and leaders that are both safe and gospel centered. We look forward to serving families once again and can't wait to hear the wing filled with the joy of children.

*Please be flexible & nimble with us as we stay up-to-date preparing wellness policies that follow local & state guidelines.

*We will be limiting maximum number of children in each classroom to maintain low child to teacher/leader ratios. We will be spreading children out in the classrooms.

*We encourage families to use the Planning Center app to enroll children into classrooms for both the 9am & 10:30am sessions. This allows for touchless enrollment.

*Lysol wipes will be made available for pens, computers and keyboards at the Hospitality Desk/Kids Barn.

*All carpets in the wing have and will be cleaned & sanitized. Carpets must not be vacuumed during class. Carpets will be cleaned and vacuumed after children have dismissed to reduce allergens, toxins and germs in the air.

*Cleaning solutions will be freshly prepared and made available for classrooms each Sunday morning - properly stored & out of reach of children.

*Guidelines for proper preparation for cleaning solutions will be posted in the work area in Children's Ministry.

*Per the CDC and Health Department guidelines, Clorox Bleach cleaning solution will be stored in individual spray bottles – out of reach of children, in each classroom and properly labeled. This solution is EPA – approved and fights against Coronavirus.

*Hand sanitizer bottles will strategically be placed at "Children's Ministry Check-In" as well as in each classroom – properly stored out of reach of children.

*Latex gloves will be stocked in classrooms.

*Extra disposable masks will be stocked in classrooms.

*Solid surfaces, tables and sinks will be sanitized prior to class, during class and after class.

*Cribs, changing pads, mattresses, linens, chairs, tables, door knobs & every light switch will be wiped down, laundered and/or sanitized.

*Toys, puzzles, books and manipulative rotations will take place in each classroom and on a schedule to eliminate infection and the spread of germs.

*All toys, puzzles, books and manipulatives will be washed & disinfected during the teaching sessions.

*We will be discarding all cloth dolls & dramatic play costumes that aren't able to be sanitized easily and effectively each week.

*Diaper changing stations will be stocked with hand sanitizer, cleaner, disposable liners, gloves and masks. Children's Director will train leaders/teachers on ways to properly change and dispose of diapers.

*Sanitation guidelines for proper diaper changing will be posted in station areas.

*Reminders about proper hand washing will be posted in classrooms.

*Proper snack preparation must be followed. Children's Director will train leaders/teachers on ways to properly prepare snacks & drinks.

*Families must label any/all outside pacifiers, bottles, formula and diaper bags.

*No touch infrared thermometers will be made available and used to check temperatures of any/all children and leaders enrolling/serving in children's ministry.

*Leaders/teachers will be wearing masks while serving in children's ministry.

*Outdoor playground structure – touch areas- will be disinfected and sanitized.

*Playground area will be utilized with one classroom at a time.

Please join us in prayer as we strive to create a rich learning environment for our children and leaders/teachers. We are all in this together!

Thank you!

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