

Re-opening Kids Ministry Plan

Please note...

- These are our guidelines to be in accordance with the CDC and Health Department. We will do our best, but understand, bringing your kids to church does pose a risk. Just like there is a risk of getting sick during cold and flu season, there is a risk of Covid-19 as well. We cannot prevent the virus from coming to the church, at some point, but we will do our best to limit the spread.
- Online Kids Ministry will continue on FaceBook at GCC Kids Online.
 - Tuesdays @4:30 pm—Storytime with Miss Hannah
 - Sundays @10:00 am—Big God Story with Miss Hannah
 - The lesson online will be the same as the lesson we will do at church in person.
- Families should stay home if ANYONE has had one of the following within the past 7 days: a fever, cough, illness, diarrhea, rash, or any Covid-19 symptoms.

Drop off and Pick up

- Due to our new procedures it will be a good idea for families to arrive 10-15 minutes before service.
- Door 5 is for Kids Ministry families and volunteers only. This is to limit how many people are walking through the Kids Hallway.
- There will be no Self Check-in. A person from the welcome team will do a temperature check on each child before checking-in a family. Families will also need to acknowledge the following statement: No one in our household is experiencing fever, shortness of breath or cough in the last 7 days.
 - If a child registers a temperature of 100.4 or more 2 times consecutively, the entire family will be asked to go home.
- Go to the bathroom to wash hands before dropping off kids.
- There will be capacity limits in each area. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept additional kids, in that area, if the limit is reached.
- When you come to pick-up please line up using the stanchions to allow for traffic flow around lines.

Cleaning

- Toys will be used in the nursery, but will be rotated out (and cleaned) during service to avoid cross-contamination.
 - Diaper changing guidelines will be followed in the nursery.
- Toys will not be used in the Preschool, Pre-K/Kindergarten and Elementary areas. Kids will have an activity to begin as they arrive.
 - Kids will have their own bag of supplies (scissors, markers, etc.).
- Volunteers will wash or sanitize their hands before passing anything out to kids.
- Cleaning of hands will happen regularly during service.
- There will be no snacks served for any age group.

Masks and Distancing

- Kids in Preschool, Pre-K/Kindergarten and Elementary areas will be with the same leaders (to the best of our ability) every week. This will limit how many people your child is exposed to at church.
 - Nursery will still be on a once a month rotation due to volunteer availability.
- Spots will be marked on the floor and chairs spaced out at tables to allow distancing (to the best of our ability) in Preschool, Pre-K/Kindergarten and Elementary areas.
 - Nursery is an impossible area to keep distance. Kids don't understand how to keep their distance and volunteers will need to pick up kids. Again, this is a risk if you choose to use the nursery at this time.
- Kids in Elementary (1st-5th grade) will be required to wear a mask.
- Kids in Preschool and Pre-K/Kindergarten (3 years through Kindergarten) will not be required, but it is suggested.
- Kids 2 and under will not be required to wear a mask.
- All volunteers will be temperature checked before serving.
- All volunteers will wear a mask.
 - Exception will be when distancing can be used during storytelling to allow kids to see facial expression of the storyteller.

Remaining Open

- We will follow the guidelines from the Health Department. We will also take our cue from what is happening at school. If schools close again, Kids Ministry will close as well.
- In addition, we are following a website that is tracking Covid-19 levels in our county. <https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>
 - There are 4 levels green, yellow, orange, and red.
 - If we are in the yellow or orange, mask requirements will be as listed above.
 - If we are in the red, this will more than likely mean closing Kids Ministry again.