

## VIGILANTLY MONITORING SYMPTOMS



Our very first line of defense against COVID-19 is the vigilant assessment of symptoms at home. Children and volunteers with fevers exceeding 100.0° must stay home.

Other symptoms of possible COVID-19 infection include:

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| chills                                      | loss of taste or smell   |
| cough                                       | sore throat              |
| shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | congestion or runny nose |
| fatigue                                     | nausea or vomiting       |
| muscle or body aches                        | diarrhea                 |
| headache                                    |                          |

Faith Children’s Ministry has purchased no-contact thermometers that we will use to take the temperatures of children and volunteers as they enter the building.

Should a child begin to exhibit symptoms while at church, they will be isolated in a separate room from the other children and their parent notified immediately.

Should a child from a class test positive, the class will be closed for 2 weeks. Parents will be notified by phone if this occurs.

If an immediate family member tests positive, their child will be asked to stay home, and all parents with children in that class will be notified so they can make an informed decision about bringing their child to that class.

## CLEANING AND DISINFECTING



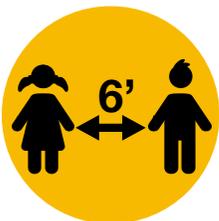
- Proper hand washing will be encouraged with children and volunteers as a primary defense against the spread of the virus. Sinks with soap dispensers are available in most classrooms and in the restrooms. Washing the virus down the drain is a simple and effective procedure to reduce spread of COVID-19.
- Hand sanitizing stations in each classroom and at check-in.
- In the classroom, routine cleaning and disinfecting will be the focus for virus mitigation, both by nursery staff and custodial.
- Personal craft supplies will be provided for each child—including crayons, scissors, play-dough, glue sticks, watercolors, & prepped packets of supplies as needed for each lesson.
- Small toys and kitchen “food” toys minimized in all rooms.
- Tubs of “rotating” toys will be used to limit things brought out each week.
- Cloth coverings have been removed from diaper changing pads. Exam table paper will be used on our changing tables instead—fresh paper for each diaper change.

## MASKS



- Masks will be an option for the toddlers and preschoolers, but will not be mandated.
- Children in the grade school class will be encouraged to wear a mask or face shield. At minimum, kids should wear masks in hallways, bathrooms, and entering and exiting the building. Once grade school kids are seated and a safe distance of 6’ between kids can be established, or when the kids are outside, masks can be removed.  
EXCEPTIONS: Individual needs regarding face coverings will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Requests for accommodations should be made to Donna Towns. (Accommodations will be made out of necessity; personal preference is not a reason. It is in a child’s best interest if we can help them learn to wear a mask in our kid-friendly environment since masks are currently mandated everywhere else.)
- Adult volunteers will wear a face shield so children can see their faces; complies with our current building mandate and is an example for children to follow.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING



- Preschoolers and toddlers do not understand social distancing. Parents need to understand they will be bringing their young children at their own discretion.
- Grade school class will utilize table seating and class activities designed to keep close interaction of children at a minimum to enforce social distancing.