

**PROCEDURES FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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The Wenatchee Church of the Nazarene is offering limited Children's and Youth programming during the pandemic. We offer these services at parent/guardian discretion in order to provide for those families that would like unique age appropriate opportunities with specialized youth/children's programming.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We have designed these programs to maximize safety. The following measures will be taken:

- We recognize our role in our shared responsibility to protect our church community, the vulnerable, and the Wenatchee Valley.
- All youth, children and families will show regard for the needs of others and extend grace to those around us.
- We recognize our responsibility to be RESPECTFUL, HUMBLE & FLEXIBLE in the face of an ever-changing environment.
- All participants, staff and volunteers will practice good hand hygiene including increased hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer.
- All participants, staff and volunteers will wear face coverings when at a church sponsored event (unless they have a medical condition that prevents wearing one, and a signed statement to that effect from their health care provider). This provision applies to everyone two years of age and older. Face masks may be removed for some outdoor activities if authorized by the adults leading the activity. Face coverings may also be removed when seated to eat or drink (see additional note below regarding food and drink.)
- Physical settings including classrooms and outdoors, will be designed to maximize social distancing to the extent possible.
- Activities and lessons will be designed to support social distancing to the extent possible.
- All participants will follow any additional instructions of event leaders as they relate to COVID-19 restrictions.
- All participants, staff and volunteers will refrain from participation/attendance if they are exhibiting flu-like symptoms or have been around someone who has.
- Staff and volunteers will sign in prior to each activity indicating that they are free of flu like symptoms and have not been knowingly exposed to anyone with Covid-19.
- All participants or parents/guardians of participants, staff and volunteers will contact the church immediately if they have been diagnosed with Covid-19 after participating in a church event.
- All children's and youth areas will be cleaned after all activities following the Covid-19 cleaning procedures modeled on local, state and CDC guidelines and adopted by the Wenatchee Church of the Nazarene.

These protocols are in place to minimize the risk of infection and optimize safety. However, the church does not make a guarantee that these activities are risk free. Participating youth, children and families do so at their own risk.

Note regarding food/drink: If food or beverages are offered, participants will be seated 6 feet apart and will remove face masks only during the time they are actively eating or drinking. Masks will be replaced before other activities are resumed.

All participating children and youth must submit a signed parent permission sheet prior to participating in any youth or children's activity. In addition, for children in fifth grade and below, a responsible adult (parent, guardian, or designee 18 years of age or older) must sign the child into the activity area and sign the child out each time they participate.