



MISSION HILLS CHURCH

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RE-OPENING COVID POLICIES KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Ministry is thankful for the opportunity to care for kids during the week for various ministries and on the weekends during services. We will reopen Kids Ministry with the below guidelines and policies and consistently re-evaluate and adjust as needed (according to state guidelines) and recommended (by CDC, CO Dept of Health and Children's Hospital) for best practices when working with kids. As always, our goal is to create an environment that is safe, fun, engaging and intentional where kids begin to learn what it looks like to follow Jesus and join him on mission.

COVID-19 2020 FALL CARE PLAN

REDUCING RISK OF EXPOSURE:

- Classroom capacity will be less than what the classroom size can handle.
- We will not have a large group worship experience and will reopen this part of the Kids environment when deemed manageable.
- All kids must be pre-registered prior to the event (weekday care) and/or weekend service they will attend. Weekend registrations will take place weekly and be available online.
- Kids Ministry staff and serve team will limit the number of child-classroom leader and child-child interaction in common spaces as much as possible.
- 3 feet to 6 feet **distancing** will be implemented when and where possible.
- We will provide frequent opportunities for proper **handwashing**.

FACE COVERINGS

- Cloth face coverings and/or face shields to cover the nose and mouth will be worn by all youth and adults working with kids.
- Kids 3 years and older will wear face coverings. Face coverings will be removed and safely stored when playing outside. This, in addition to other policies, will be re-evaluated as state and government guidelines adjust.
- Kids 0-3 will not be required to wear face coverings.
- We will practice a lot of positive reinforcement with kids, when in our care, so they are comfortable wearing face coverings.

HEALTH CHECKS AND SICK POLICY:

Every youth or adult working with kids will be asked to record a **daily temperature check** and monitor symptoms before entering the ministry area (The Barn, RahaPlace or Sidewalk). We will communicate where this will take place each week. To keep everyone healthy, it is important that adults, youth and kids do not come to church and stay home when showing any symptoms of sickness (especially high-risk symptoms in bold). We ask that anyone who has been in direct contact with someone with confirmed or probable COVID-19, stay home.

Symptoms to be aware of:

- **Fever or chills (temperature of 100.4 or above)**
- **Persistent cough**
- **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Any child, staff or serve team member that experiences a common illness with low-risk symptoms (sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, vomiting or diarrhea) AND who do not have a known COVID -19 contact AND have a known cause (strep, food poisoning, ear infection, seasonal allergies, asthma, etc.) may return to church once symptoms have resolved for 24 hours without medication or on antibiotics for 24 hours. **We ask that you contact your primary care doctor for clarity and clearance to resume activities at church.**

Any child, youth or adult who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or has a confirmed case of COVID-19, within 14 days of being on campus, must notify the Kids Ministry Staff. All personal information will be kept confidential.

If a positive case of COVID-19 is probable or confirmed, the staff, serve team member or child may return to church activities after being isolated for 10 days from the time symptoms first appeared (or from positive test date if asymptomatic) AND fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication AND symptoms have improved. (Children's Hospital Colorado)

If a positive case of COVID-19 is reported by a staff, serve team member or child in our care, we will work with the local health department and follow the current Colorado Dept. of Health procedures for cleaning, disinfecting and closing the classroom and/or ministry area (be prepared for a sudden closure). All personal information will be kept confidential.

CHECK-IN + CHECK-OUT

- We ask that one adult per family check-in and check-out kids and additional family members wait outside or in the lobby.
- Kids Ministry Staff or Serve Team will check families in at a designated computer station.
- When needed, we will limit numbers of people within common spaces and spread out accordingly.
- Please follow the directional signs for a one-way flow through each ministry area.

KEEPING A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

- All kids and staff are required to wash hands upon arrival, before and after snack and throughout the day as deemed necessary.
- Toys and resources will be changed out and cleaned after each day's use and/or after each service.
- Cleaning and Disinfecting will happen frequently in each classroom and throughout each ministry area. All high touch surface areas will be cleaned and disinfected often.
- Please do not bring toys or sippy cups from home. Kids Ministry will provide clean cups when needed.
- Labeled bottles and pacifiers are acceptable for infants.

SNACKS

A simple snack and water will be served as kids are distanced around the tables. Snacks will be prepared by a Kids Ministry Staff or Serve Team Member.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

<https://www.childrenscolorado.org/conditions-and-advice/parenting/parenting-articles/back-to-school-coronavirus-FAQ/>