

## **Kids Ministry Policy Amendments (COVID-19)**

### **Volunteer Expectations**

- Wear facemask at all times unless eating or drinking
- Verify they are fever free (temperature check) and have no symptoms upon arrival
- Wash hands with soap and water (20 seconds)
  - Upon arrival to your classroom
  - After blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing
  - After using restroom
  - Before and After eating or preparing food
  - Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (helping a child use the restroom, changing a diaper)
  - Before and after administering medication or medical ointment
  - Before and after diapering
  - After coming in contact with bodily fluid
  - After playing outdoors
  - After handling garbage
  
- Check to ensure room is stocked with appropriate cleaning supplies
  - Paper Towels
  - Antibacterial Soap
  - Disinfectant
  - Disposable gloves
  
- **Cleaning Protocol (Immediately following use of room)**
  - Wear disposable gloves to clean and disinfect
  - Clean countertops with soap and water, then clean with disinfectant (Currently we use Clorox Clean anywhere)
  - Wipe down door knobs, toys, light switches, tables, high chairs, sink faucets/handles, toilet seats (with disinfectant).
  - Wash Hands (See above protocol)

### **What if someone gets sick?**

- If child develops a fever while present on campus they will be placed in a room along with at least one volunteer to separate from other children and volunteers. Their parents will be notified (by the hall monitor) to pick them up.

### **If COVID 19 is confirmed in a child, volunteer, or staff member**

- Close off areas used by the person who is sick.
- Wait up to 24 hours or as long as possible before you clean or disinfect to allow respiratory droplets to settle before cleaning and disinfecting.
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, and common areas.
- If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
  - Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.

### **When a child arrives in the classroom**

Take child's temperature-

- Wearing disposable gloves and a facemask, use a provided digital forehead thermometer to check temperature. Child is not permitted if they have a fever surpassing 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- Wipe the thermometer with disinfectant wipe following each use.
- Verify on your attendance roster beside each child's name.

### **Cleaning Toys:**

Toys that cannot be cleaned and sanitized should not be used.

All toys should be cleaned with soap and water, then clean with an EPA registered disinfectant.

Do not share toys with other classes unless they are washed and sanitized before being transferred to another class.

Set aside toys that need to be cleaned. Place in a bin marked "Dirty Toys"

## **Diapering:**

### Diapering

When diapering a child, wash your hands and wash the child's hands before you begin, and wear gloves. Follow safe diaper changing procedures. Procedures should be posted in all diaper changing areas. Steps include:

- Prepare (includes washing hands, putting on gloves)
- Clean the child (wash their hands with soap and water)
- Remove trash (soiled diaper and wipes)
- Replace diaper
- Wash child's hands again
- Clean up diapering station
- Wash hands

After diapering, wash your hands (even if you were wearing gloves) and disinfect the diapering area with a fragrance-free bleach that is EPA-registered as a sanitizing or disinfecting solution. If other products are used for sanitizing or disinfecting, they should also be fragrance-free and EPA-registered. If the surface is dirty, it should be cleaned with detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

**If reusable cloth diapers** are used, they should not be rinsed or cleaned in the facility. The soiled cloth diaper and its contents (without emptying or rinsing) should be placed in a plastic bag or into a plastic-lined, hands-free covered diaper pail to give to parents/guardians or laundry service.

## **Drop Off and Pick up (Sunday Morning and Evening)**

### **Arrival:**

One Adult - Only one adult per family is allowed back in the kids hallway to drop off and pick up. Each child must have the proper security sticker to be dropped off a Kid's Worship or Kid's Connection classroom.

### **Pick up:**

Security Tag - Must verify providing kids volunteers with the matching security tag to pick up your child from Kid's Worship or Kid's Connection.

**Interacting with Families:**

While we are under restrictions due to COVID-19, it is important that we do all we can to receive kids and families in warm and welcoming ways while maintaining a hygiene standard that is safe for all present and involved. Please be aware of the tone of your voice and physical disposition while wearing a mask. We want to do all we can to disarm the fears a parent or child may have while entering and leaving our worship environments.

Separation Anxiety - As children readjust to being placed in public spaces away from their parents it is likely that younger children will experience separation anxiety to a greater degree than before the pandemic began. We want to be patient and reassuring to children and be well prepared to engage them in helpful and loving ways.

\*Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on babies and children under age two because of the danger of suffocation.