

# GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING - AFTERSCHOOL

## GENERAL

- Only staff members and children will be allowed to enter the building.
- All staff members and children will have their temperatures checked daily upon arrival at the center.
- All staff members and children will wash their hands upon arrival.
- Teachers will disinfect tables and supplies throughout the day.
- Teachers will have children wash hands throughout the day.
- Teachers will encourage social distancing.
- Afterschool classes will be separated into groups to reduce contact with other students.
- Afterschool classes will be given a playground schedule so that only one class is on the playground at a time.
- Afterschool students and staff will be required to wear masks to the extent possible and practical. Exceptions will be made when students play outside and when students can socially distance in the gym for homework time.
- All staff and children will be required to wear a mask on the St. Matthew's Weekday Ministry vehicles.
- Children will be assigned seats on the vans or bus.
- Windows will be lowered when the weather permits to encourage air flow in the vehicles.
- Vehicles will be cleaned daily.

## DEPARTURE

- Please park in one of the first few spots by the backdoor (by the awning) and wait for your child to be brought to you.
- Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing between other families and Weekday staff.
- Please do not pick up your child from the playground. If your child's class is on the playground, come to the door as usual and use the tablet to sign your child out. A staff member will get your child from the playground and walk them to you.
- If a staff member is not visible when you arrive, please call the office at 601-856-4860 and let us know you are here to pick up your child.

## PAYMENT

- Beginning August 3, 2020, all students who are currently registered to attend St. Matthew's in the fall will be charged tuition. If you do not plan to return in the fall please submit notice by email to Gina - [gina@stm-umc.org](mailto:gina@stm-umc.org).

## CLEANING/DISINFECTING

- We will routinely clean, sanitize, and disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched, especially toys and games.
- Toys that cannot be cleaned and sanitized will not be used.
- Toys that children have placed in their mouths or that are otherwise contaminated by body fluids will be set aside until they are properly disinfected.
- Toys and supplies will not be shared between groups of children unless they are cleaned and sanitized before they are moved to the new group.
- A cleaning team will come in each night and disinfect the room using a disinfectant mister.

## ILLNESS

- Keep your child at home if he or she is not feeling well. It is very important that we watch for signs of illness.
- Each afternoon, a staff member will make a visual inspection of the child for signs of illness, which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness.
- If a staff member sees any of these signs of illness, we will ask you to pick up your child and monitor their symptoms.
- If any of these signs appear during the day, you will be notified to pick up your child.
- Please come immediately if you are called to pick your child up due to illness or fever.
- Please keep your child home if he or she is experiencing any of the following:

\*Any contagious disease.

\*Nausea

\*Sore throat

\*Severe cold

\*Vomiting

\*Unexplained rash

\*Earache

\*Chills

\*Fever over 100.4 degrees

\*Dizziness

\*Skin Eruptions

\*Labored or rapid breathing

\*Red Eyes (pink eye)

\*Diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool)

**Children are not allowed back to the STMWM until they are symptom and fever-free without fever-reducing medication for at least twenty-four hours.**

## COVID-19

- If any child or member of their household is tested for Covid-19, the child must remain home until the tested person has received a negative result OR until a fourteen-day quarantine period has ended. The child will be allowed to return to the Weekday program at the conclusion of the quarantine period or once the tested person receives a negative test result.

- If a child comes into direct, close contact (15 minutes exposure within 6 feet) with someone who has tested positive, the Weekday program will require the child to quarantine for fourteen days OR provide proof of a negative test result. The quarantine will begin on the day of the exposure. The child will be allowed to return to the Weekday program at the conclusion of the quarantine period, or if tested, the child receives a negative result.
  - HOWEVER, if a member of a child's household tests positive for COVID-19, the child must remain home for a fourteen-day quarantine period. The child will be allowed to return to the Weekday program if the child shows no symptoms during the last 72 hours of the quarantine period.

#### IF A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

- If a child or staff member tests positive, we will immediately notify all families in the STMWM program. We will not identify the staff member or child who has tested positive, but the name of the room will be disclosed.
- That room will be closed off for a 24 hour period in which no one will enter the room.
- Following the 24 hour period, the room will be deep cleaned and thoroughly disinfected according to CDC guidelines.
- Any shared areas the person may have come into contact with will be disinfected.
- We will also immediately notify the Mississippi Department of Health and close the classroom for 2-5 days while we wait for further guidance from local health officials. The entire center will not be shut down immediately. We will allow health officials to investigate on a case by case basis and make specific recommendations on scope and duration of closure.

**We appreciate you working with us to keep our center safe and free of COVID-19. We want all children and staff members to remain healthy. If your child or someone in your household is infected with COVID-19 please notify us immediately. We will never disclose the name of a child or family member who is sick, but it is important that we are made aware.**