

COVID-19 Children's Ministry Guide

Hello Parents!

We are excited to have your children return to in person children's gatherings at Neighborhood Church! We understand families have different comfort levels concerning COVID-19 and support your decision to either attend online or in-person. Our goal is to give children a safe place to worship God.

We have reviewed our current Children's Ministry policies and procedures and have added the below COVID-19 specific procedures that we will be following to create a safe and worshipful environment for your children to connect with God and others.

Health Screenings

Before you come: Please take your child's temperature and screen for respiratory symptoms, such as cough or shortness of breath. Anyone with a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit plus or any of the above listed symptoms should stay home.

When you arrive: Children, accompanied by their parents, will undergo a visual and verbal health check by one of our children's ministry greeters. If a child seems to be showing any of the above symptoms, we will kindly ask you return home.

Hygiene Practices

Hand sanitizer and tissue are available in all classrooms where children will gather. Children in preschool through Elementary will be asked to use hand sanitizer in between activities. All surfaces will be sanitized after each activity.



Physical Distancing

Six feet physical distancing will be encouraged whenever possible and taken into consideration when playing games, giving lessons, and leading activities.



Face Coverings

Volunteer staff will wear a face covering or a face shield during our gatherings. In order for children to see their lead teacher's facial expressions, the lead teacher may remove their face covering while teaching the main lesson (typically 10-20 minutes), and will be required to space themselves at a distance greater than 6 feet.

Children in TK-2nd grades are strongly encouraged to wear their face covering. Children in 3rd-6th grades must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth.

Extra face coverings will be on hand if a child or volunteer staff is in need of one.

Check-In & Check Out

Check-in and check out will take place just inside the gym doors. Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of our Sunday and mid-week gatherings. Markers will be set up outside for parents and children to physically distance as they're waiting to check-in. A check-in greeter will meet families at the double-doors to screen children and assist with check-in, if needed.

Parents and children will be asked to sanitize hands before and after using the check-in computer. Once your children have been checked-in, parents will need to exit through the double-doors in the Early Childhood Hallway. *Please have only one parent accompany children for check-in and check out.*



Drinking Fountains

Drinking fountain use will be suspended temporarily, but small individual water bottles will be available if for children who become thirsty.

Restrooms

Our children and youth restrooms only allow for one person at a time. Children will not be allowed to use the restrooms at the front of the building.

Response to Children Showing Symptoms of COVID

Any child who becomes sick in our children's area or exhibits symptoms will be guided to room 9 by a children's volunteer who will stay with them until a parent arrives. Pastor Lorena or a lead children's ministry volunteer will notify parents via text message or phone call. Areas and locations used by a person on campus with COVID-19 like symptoms will be cleaned and disinfected.

If you have any questions about our process and protocols, please contact Pastor Lorena: lorena@nieghborhoodchurch.com.

