

## AWANA 2021-2022 Safety Plan

We at Grace Bible Fellowship Church AWANA are excited at the prospect of a new club year! As we have always been committed to the spiritual growth of our clubbers, our planning for the 2021-2022 year continues to emphasize our primary objective - the ongoing teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ and discipling of young people. However, as we've all been touched by the changes that have evolved in our world in the past year, we appreciate the understanding and flexibility of our leaders, clubbers, and parents as we attempt to continue a program that is both authentic and safe for everyone involved. Thank you for your patience and grace as we navigate through the recommendations and protocols put before us during this time of pandemic. It is especially important to us that each family and volunteer feels comfortable knowing that we have your safety and well-being as a top priority.

### Statement on Face Coverings and Social Distancing

Although we know more information about best practices during the pandemic than we ever have, we recognize that application of knowledge is often emotionally charged. While vaccines and mask/face covering usage has been reported to limit virus spread between all individuals, we understand these suggestions are concerning to many families. At this time, masks/face coverings will be optional. Please know that we are striving to eliminate physical health and wellness risks, while maintaining regard for the preferences and comfort levels of all.

Our goal is to successfully create an environment so that all involved in AWANA can have a positive experience. We will use the available space in our church building to allow those who wish to keep socially distant, to do so as much as possible, considering the limitations of our facilities and the activities at AWANA. An online registration system will be used at the start of the year to ensure that our classrooms are sized appropriately, considering the space available as well as the number of leaders on hand to run an effective program.

These statements and stances are subject to change as conditions and direction evolves.

### Safety Expectations

Church Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide hand sanitizer for each classroom.</li><li>• Cleaning by custodial staff after building usage.</li></ul>
Clubber/Family Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each family will complete a Participation Agreement as part of the registration process.</li><li>• All families/clubbers will perform temperature and symptom screenings prior to arrival at club. Persons who have a fever of 100.4 or above or other signs of illness must stay home. The check-in leader at AWANA will require verbal confirmation during drop-off that clubbers do not have fever, symptoms of COVID-19, or contact with a confirmed positive case of COVID-19.</li><li>• Wearing face coverings or masks will be optional.</li><li>• Families are asked to limit gatherings in the hallways or other common areas, and exit the building once their child(ren) have been checked out of club.</li></ul>
Leader Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All leaders will perform temperature and symptom screenings prior to arrival at club. Persons who have a fever of 100.4 or above or other signs of illness must stay home.</li><li>• Leaders should report to their club director and/or commander when they will not be attending club.</li><li>• Wearing face coverings or masks are optional for leaders in all clubs and support areas.</li></ul>