

Vineyard Kids Health & Wellness Guidelines

The Vineyard Church understands that the safety of children attending Vineyard Kids is paramount to Children's Ministry remaining open. This document outlines our approach for maintaining a safe environment for children and families at The Vineyard.

What are the compelling reasons to have kids learning onsite in their classrooms?

- Every child needs spiritual leaders in their life in addition to their parents.
- Kids grow spiritually in age-appropriate environments.
- Kids grow spiritually in community with other children.

Services:

- Vineyard Kids will be available during all weekend services (Saturday 5:30pm; Sunday 8:30am, 9:50am, and 11:30am).

Face Masks:

- Vineyard Kids volunteers will not be required to wear face masks while serving with children. Instead, face masks are optional for volunteers.
- Children will not be required to wear a face mask while attending Vineyard Kids, but families are encouraged to decide what is best for their children.
 - Children ages two and younger should not wear face masks, per CDC guidelines.
 - *Parents: If you choose to have your child wear a face mask, Vineyard Kids volunteers will do their best to remind them to keep their face mask on throughout Vineyard Kids. To maintain proper hygiene of the mask, if the mask comes off, your child will need to be able to apply their own mask, and if there are questions or concerns with the mask, Vineyard Kids will page the parent for assistance.*

Drop Off/Pick Up:

- Parents will check in their children using the self-check in stations at the entrance to the South Hall.
 - New families or children visiting for the first time will need to check in at the Vineyard Kids Hospitality Desk in the Atrium.
- Parents will be encouraged to pick up children as soon as service is over to allow volunteers enough time to clean each classroom.
- A volunteer or staff member will stand in the hallway to interact with parents, give instructions, and monitor the hallway.
- Parents of babies and toddlers will be asked to continue leaving their diaper bags for diaper changing purposes. Carriers/car seats are also okay to leave in the classroom once the child is dropped off.

Classroom Procedures:

- Each classroom will be rearranged to allow for reasonable social distancing.
- Classrooms will follow strict limits on the number of children per room.
 - Limits Per Room:
 - Babies Room: 8 children
 - Toddlers Room: 15 children
 - Tykes Room: 18 children
 - Juniors Room: 22 children
 - K/1st Grade Room: 40 children
 - 2nd/3rd Grade Room: 25 children
 - Club 54 Room: 25 children
 - These limits are dependent on the number of volunteers and room availability.
 - If the classroom limit has been reached, parents will be asked to drop their child off at the next youngest age-group.
 - If the classroom limit has been reached in both the appropriate age-group and the younger age-group, Vineyard Kids Staff will work with parents to determine the next best option.
- Snacks or drinks will not be distributed during weekend services in Babies, Toddlers, Tykes, or Juniors.

Volunteer Guidelines:

- All volunteers will be asked to arrive 20 minutes before the start of their scheduled service to allow classrooms to open earlier.
- Volunteers will be asked to keep track of the number of children in classrooms to follow classroom limits and communicate with staff if their room has met capacity.

Cleaning/Sanitizing:

- Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom.
- Children will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival and when necessary throughout the service.
- Vineyard Kids volunteers will be asked to wash their hands before and after serving in Vineyard Kids as well as whenever needed during service.
- Vineyard Kids volunteers will clean major surfaces after each service.
 - For classrooms where supplies are needed for multiple services, a separate bin of supplies will be used for each service.

Additional Information:

- The number of toys will be limited in each classroom.
- The Nursing Mom's Room in Room 3 is available for mothers who need to nurse their baby.