



Covid Guidelines & Procedures:

Children & Youth Covid-19 Guidelines

As we strive to live out our mission as a vibrant Christian Community where Faith and life meet through worship, learning and serving in Jesus' name, we have prayerfully considered the guidelines below to be implemented upon the re-entry of children and youth programming. In this changing context, our congregation remains adaptable. Plans and procedures are subject to change in light of state, CDC guidelines and at the discretion of First Lutheran's leadership.

CHURCH WIDE GUIDELINES

- Practice Social Distancing: Per current CDC guidelines maintaining a 6ft social distance between people is important to help prevent the transmission of Covid-19.
- Refrain from touching unnecessary surfaces or individuals.
- Wear a Mask: Per current CDC guidelines, masks are required with the exception of children under the age 5. If you forget your mask, we will have one available for you.
- Common areas will be closed to gathering/fellowship
- If you are not feeling well; please do not enter the building.
- Bathrooms are available: children kindergarten and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- Wash and Sanitize. Please wash your hands. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at multiple places in our facility. Thorough sanitizing and cleaning will be done between services and ministries.
- Please use discretion when attending in-person activities after having travelled out of the area.

STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

- Students will be dropped off at the main door, no more than 10 minutes prior to class time.
- Parents are asked to drop-off and pick-up students from the parking lots unless they are volunteering or have arranged to talk with a staff member.
- Students will check-in near the Welcome Center. This is our attendance record.
- Students will wait in an assigned zone until class.
- Students will be directed to their classroom at the start time.
- There will be no mingling with other students inside the building.
- Classroom doors will always be propped open unless for safety concerns
- If a small group leader is not available, a parent/guardian will need to substitute for the group
- Small groups may not combine with other small groups

- Students will be asked to follow directional signage for entering/exiting classrooms and navigating hallways.
- Students will exit the west door (preschool doors) at the conclusion of their class.
- Parents must pick up students immediately following dismissal.
- Students under grade 5 must have a parent meet them at the sidewalk, either by drive-by pick-up or parking car and walking to meet them.
- Middle School and older students can find their parents in the parking lot.

CLASSROOM & SMALL GROUP CAPACITY

- Small groups will consist of no more than 15 people plus the small group leader/s.
- Small groups will be asked to stay at their assigned space.
- Classroom capacities are well below CDC recommendations to allow for adequate social distancing between groups.
- Classroom capacities will be capped.

GUEST & NEW REGISTRANT POLICY

- Walk-in registrations will not be processed for one week from submission. This means, you may not attend the week you register.
- Due to health and safety concerns for small groups, visitors/guests will not be able to join a small group to participate in programming. Students may register for programming but will not be able to join a small group until the following session.

PARTICIPANT HEALTH POLICY & SCREENING

- All participants (student, volunteers, & staff) must be symptom free for 24 hours before participating in programming.
- Participants will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer (provided) upon entry/exit.
- If a participant tests positive for Covid-19 and has attended a small group in the last 14 days, we request that the church be notified as soon as possible.
- If a participant in a small group tests positive, the group will not meet for 14 days from the date of notification & families will be notified.

RESTROOM & WATER FOUNTAIN

- Students are encouraged to use the restroom before arriving at church.
- Bathroom breaks will be permitted with the supervision of an adult (outside of the restroom entrance).
- Students will be expected to abide by posted social distancing guidelines while utilizing the facilities.
- Water fountains will not be available.

PROCEDURES FOR SHARED MATERIALS

- Each small group will have their own designated supply tote to be shared. Totes will not be shared between groups.

- Any items shared will be sanitized.

SPACE SANITATION

- Hand sanitizer will be available to each group to be used as needed

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