

COVID-19 Protocols I Parents



We are excited to resume Redeemer City Children's Ministry and serve the kids and family of our community once again! We are beginning by opening one classroom for kids 4 and under. We will work towards opening more classrooms as we are able to do so. As we return, we want to share a few new protocols with you as we seek to return in the safest way possible for every child and volunteer.

1. If your child has experienced any of the following symptoms, please keep him/her at home. If a child develops any of these symptoms during the gathering time, a parent/guardian will be contacted. We have this same policy for our volunteers.

*Fever or chills *Cough *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing *Fatigue *Muscle or body aches *Headache *New loss of taste or smell *Sore throat *Congestion or runny nose *Nausea or vomiting *Diarrhea

2. If your child has been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last two weeks, please keep your child at home and follow the guidelines set by Dane County Public Health on quarantining before returning to children's ministry.

3. We strongly encourage children to wear a face covering, but it is **not** required. Current Dane County Health Department rules only require children age 5 and older to wear face coverings indoors. We understand this is a difficult age to enforce face coverings for a long period of time but will encourage older children to try. All of our volunteers are required to wear a face covering.

4. Children will be asked to sanitize their hands (or thoroughly wash them) as they enter and leave the classroom.

5. We will not be serving snacks or drinks during class at this time.

6. Check In: We are pausing our electronic check in at this time. As your family enters church, you can pick up a blank name tag for your child/ren. Fill out the name tag for your child with a contact phone number. After the first worship set, ONE parent will bring child/ren back to the multipurpose room where a volunteer will be waiting to receive your child. In case of a line, please observe social distancing.

7. Due to the wide range of ages in one class, we will have a simplified lesson for the older children. We will have free play and watch the bible story together.

8. We ask for only **ONE** parent to pick up their child after class in order to limit congestion. REMINDER: only a grown-up is allowed to pick up a child. Children will not be released to an older sibling or friend.

COVID-19 COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

Our primary goal is to provide a safe environment for every child and volunteer. But, even with

the most diligent of precautions, it is impossible to remove all risk of your child contracting COVID-19. Below are the protocols in place in the event Redeemer City is made aware that a child or volunteer has tested positive for COVID-19 and was contagious while in the classroom.

1. If your child tests positive from Covid19 and has been in or used the children's ministry room please report this immediately to the children's ministry coordinator (Sheena Lorenz). This includes if your child played in a room during a weekday meeting or city group night so we can disinfect the room.
2. Upon notification, the children's ministry coordinator will conduct contact tracing.
3. Parents of children and volunteers who were in the same room as the COVID positive person will be notified if there was close contact and make the recommendation for a 14 day quarantine for the volunteer/children involved.
 - a. *The CDC defines close contact as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.
4. All parents of children and volunteers from that room (regardless of close-contact) will be notified with the recommendation to monitor their child/themselves for symptoms.
5. All children/volunteers from that room will be asked to stay home for the following Sunday and not attend out of an abundance of caution.
6. The room will be thoroughly disinfected.

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