

Guidelines for Children's Church

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Parents have the option of taking their Pre-K (4) through 6th grade child to Children's Church or bringing them to worship. The Sunday School teachers will not take class members to Children's Church at this time. Parents will need to check out each child from Sunday School and select one of the two above options.

Children's Church care

- Please use the child check-in systems (KidCheck) on Sunday mornings to keep track of who is here.
- Workers will make individual plastic bags for each child's learning supplies (such as colors) to minimize sharing. These items may be sent home and replaced.
- Please do not allow your child to bring personal toys or other items from home into Children's Church.
- Workers will make every effort to create a learning environment where space and separation can occur.

Children's Church pickup

- **Parents should pick their children up** as a soon as possible following the close of the church session. Sometimes even the most well-adjusted child will become fearful or anxious if he is left after the other boys and girls have gone. It is suggested that only one adult call for the child, in order to relieve congestion in the hallways. Only one person will be allowed inside Children's Church at a time in order to avoid congestion. Please enter through the double doors entering Children's Church, pickup your child, and exit through the single door on the other side of Children's Church.

Sanitizing

- Each week the building is sanitized with great care in preparation for Sunday.
- Hand sanitizer, cleaning solutions, wipes, and tissue will be placed in Children's Church.

Room preparation/distancing

- Chairs and tables will be removed. The floor will be taped off with specific places for children to sit.
- Seating charts will be made in order to aid in contact tracing should the need arise.

Doors

- The doors will be propped open.

Masks

- The wearing of masks is strongly recommended in each classroom for those over the age of six. Please set this example in the classroom. The use of gloves by teachers in Children's Church is encouraged.

Water bottles

- Fountains will be closed. Children should bring their own water bottles. Some bottled water, if needed, may be found in the refrigerator in the Fellowship Mall closet.

Snacks

- It is best that all snacks be individually packaged.

If a person or child is sick or has symptoms at home

- Please worship at home if you are sick or have symptoms (fever over 100.4 currently or within the last 24 hours, vomiting or diarrhea currently or within the last 24 hours, runny nose, cough, unexplained rashes, skin infections, eye infections, etc.). If a child has symptoms, the volunteers, teachers, and leaders in your child's class may not accept him or her into the classroom.
- The teachers may not give medication to any child.

If a person is sick or has symptoms after arrival

- If a child develops any of the above symptoms while at church, we will ask parents to pick up the child immediately. In that case, children with symptoms will be isolated from the other children and wear a

mask until picked up. The medical room will be outside the old sanctuary.

Contact plan if attendees to Children's Church have come in contact with another attendee in class who tests positive:

- We will work with a person who becomes sick to respectfully and confidentially inform others that might have had contact with them according to the six feet/fifteen minute guidelines.
- Workers will keep a diagram of each attendees' class seating arrangement in the event this information becomes necessary.

Workers

- There must be at least two teachers in each room.
- Children Pre-K (4) through 6th grade and their teachers are the only persons permitted in their department. Observing this policy will provide greater safety for children and will enable the teachers to provide activities to meet the needs of and to challenge each child. The teacher will receive and dismiss the child at the door, according to the KidCheck guardian policy. Parents should not come into the classroom.
- All workers are expected to show love, understanding, and acceptance for all with whom they work.
- All workers should greet children as they arrive with a bright smile and warm words.
- All workers should take care to be absent only when absolutely necessary and to secure a replacement in their absence.