



Classroom Precautions for Children & Youth Sunday School

The Healthy Church Team, Children's & Youth Councils, and our Children's & Youth Directors have reviewed up-to-date recommendations, trends, and Hanover County Public Schools analysis and began to provide Sunday School starting **November 8, 2020**.

- Safe Sanctuaries guidelines were updated (2 adult rule, background checks, etc.).
- Rooms have been designed for limited childcare. This is in no way our preference, but due to square footage benchmarks prescribed by both governmental and denominational sources, we are working to achieve appropriate social distancing guidelines to keep everyone safe.

We will continue to communicate time, location and protocols by email and social media to families who pre-register. (A *Wait List* option is available in the event we exceed our safe distances for each classroom's size.)

In order to prepare for this expanded programming during Covid-19, we:

- Removed any stuffed animals and soft-surface items from the Children's classrooms and the Walnut Grove house.
- Instituted a cleaning checklist for each classroom and posted it by the doorway.
- Agreed to complete a Cleaning Checklist Protocol before and after each classroom's use.
- Stressed the rule of limited restroom use: the restroom located in our Nursery area is reserved for the youngest classes. Elementary aged children end up using the hallway bathrooms (limited to 1 person from a particular household at a time and are sanitized after each use).
- Put the Pre-Registration and Health Acknowledgement Form in place for each household of children participating. At check-in, guardians confirm several questions prior to leaving children/youth in our care.
- Have all volunteers submitting a Health Acknowledgement Form.
- Have all volunteers and children above 24 months old will be required to wear a face covering.
- Workers must wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer prior to coming in contact with children.
- Have a substitutes list to call upon if a volunteer is unable to serve.
- Have check-in & check-out procedures.
- Have asked all children who may have diaper bags or other belongings (including items brought from home) to be left in the hallway. We remind guardians to not keep valuable items in these bags and that the Church is not responsible for damage or theft.

As part of our Welcome to each family, we have a trained volunteer escort our each child back to their KidsPraise classroom. (This step allows us to limit exposure and transference to children, youth and volunteers.)

If a child becomes symptomatic during worship, parents will be notified to come retrieve their child per our Well-Child Policy (also available on our website).

Because masks must be removed, we ask that kids and youth help us by not having food or beverages during Sunday School.

Our Healthy Church Team and District Review Team approved this plan in early November, 2020.

Rules are subject to change as deemed necessary, but we feel confident we are doing all we can to help your children and/or youth learn about Jesus in a very safe environment.

Thanks in advance for your attention to these details and for entrusting us with the privilege as pointing to Christ!