

NEXT-GEN COMMUNITY GROUPS AND WORSHIP CARE

The staff is planning expectantly to welcome our small groups back on campus September 13. All NextGen Community Groups, onsite Adult Community Groups, and Equipping Classes will meet from 9:45-10:45 a.m. The Worship Gathering will take place at 11:00 a.m. and when it becomes necessary at 8:15 a.m. Worship Care will be available for Preschoolers during the Worship Gathering.

The protocols we will follow to help us return Community Groups and Worship Care will be based on guidelines established by governing agencies and will be much like the protocols the local schools and preschools are implementing for on campus learning.

GENERAL PROTOCOLS:

- If your child or household has been sick in the past 48 hours, we ask that you stay home. Symptoms include but are not limited to a temperature $>100^{\circ}\text{F}$, sore throat, new cough, new breathing difficulty, severe headache, diarrhea, vomiting, loss of taste or smell, undiagnosed rash, or muscle pains. We also ask you stay home if you or a family member has had known close contact in the last 14 days with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID 19. **A simple health screening form (including temperature check) is to be filled out in advance and brought with you. We will take these at the time you pick-up your check-in tags. We will also have forms and thermometers available at the Check-in Desk.**

Preschool Ministry Protocols

- Our desire is to offer Worship Care; however, many of our faithful volunteers are in high-risk categories and/or are not coming back yet. Parents whose children participate in Worship Care will need to volunteer on the rotation schedule to help fill our staffing needs. This is usually an every-other-month commitment.
- Registration for Community Group and/or Worship Care will open on the preceding Monday and be needed by the that Friday.
- Check-in tags will be preprinted based on registration.
- A simple health screening form (including temperature check) to be filled out in advance and brought with you or filled out upon arrival. Please see health screening note above.
- All adults (teachers, volunteers, parents) will wear face coverings in the hallways and throughout class time.
- Preschoolers will not be asked to wear mask but are welcome to if the parent prefers.
- Social distancing is encouraged in hallways and at check-in. We are limiting class sizes to maintain smaller numbers, classes will avoid mixing with other classes, and classroom layout and activities have been adjusted to encourage less crowded play areas. We will not be using our indoor playroom for now but will use the Children's Assembly Room and outdoor playground when possible. But understand that it is impossible to social distance preschoolers while they are in their classroom.

- Hand sanitizing and hand washing will be necessary throughout the morning (upon arrival, after bathroom/diaper changes, before leaving, etc.)
- Please limit the items brought with a child to necessary diapers, wipes, bottles, etc. Please do not bring toys or personal items. As per our regular policies, we are not able to feed nursery age children beyond bottles. As always, we will be glad to page you if you are a nursing mom.
- For preschool age children, please bring a clearly labeled water bottle/cup. Any snacks we serve will be in individually wrapped containers/packages.
- Classrooms will be cleaned/sanitized prior to children arriving. Toys and high-touch surfaces will be sanitized during the class time as needed.

Children Ministry Protocols

- Registration for Community Group and/or Worship Care will open on the preceding Monday and be needed by the that Friday.
- Check-in tags will be preprinted based on registration.
- A simple health screening form (including temperature check) to be filled out in advance and brought with you or filled out upon arrival. Please see health screening note above.
- All adults (teachers, volunteers, parents) will wear face coverings in the hallways and throughout class time.
- Grade schoolers will wear mask while in the classroom and the hallways during entrance and exit.
- We will strive to provide recommended social distancing guidelines.

Student Ministry Protocols

- Registration for Community Group and/or Worship Care will open on the preceding Monday and be needed by the that Friday.
- A simple health screening form (including temperature check) to be filled out in advance and brought with you or filled out upon arrival. CG leaders will take these at the door. Please see health screening note above. Temperature will be taken at the door as needed.
- All individuals (adults and students) will wear face coverings in the hallways and throughout class time.
- We will strive to provide recommended social distancing guidelines.

Please know that our goal is to provide an environment that is safe for your family, our leaders, and the church. Like with the Worship Gathering, we'll be making adjustments to the number of classes based on the number of children registered to attend. We and the other volunteers will be communicating important information about pickup each Sunday morning during drop-off, so you will know exactly what to do.

We are excited by the return of Community Groups. We can't tell you how long we will need to implement these new protocols, but we will tell you when they change. As we return graciously be joyful in coming together.

"Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind." 1 Peter 3:8