

First Christian Church - Children's Ministry Safety Guidelines

Physical Distancing

Kid's Church Service

- Chairs will be placed 3 feet apart in Room 3
- The room will be limited to 25 people.
- To eliminate children standing in a line, one adult will take attendance on the 3 designated clipboards. The same adult will initial for parents on the check-out clipboard as children leave. Children will not sign in or sign out on clipboards.
- Sara's Courageous Girls 3rd -5th grade group, Eva's Courageous Girls 6th -8th grade group and Jon's Strong Men Group will be considered "stable groups" under the state guidelines. Each stable group will be limited to 10 children and one consistent adult.
- Teachers of the "stable groups" may, but are not required by the state to wear face masks. Security staff or other member of the church who need to interact with more than one "stable group" are required to wear a face mask and wash/sanitize their hands between interaction with each stable group.

Sunday School - Preschool - Kindergarten and 1st & 2nd Grade Classrooms

- Chairs will be distanced apart during table work time. The state does not require a 3 feet distance for younger children.
- The Sunday School teacher will take attendance on the Check In/Out designated clipboards. The Sunday School Teacher will initial for parents on the check-out clipboard as children leave. Children will not sign in or sign out on clipboards.
- Activities will be planned that do to not require close physical contact.
- Children will not be standing together in lines. Children will enter the classroom doorway as a family group or one child at a time.

- The Preschool - Kindergarten Sunday School room will be considered a “stable group” under the state guidelines. This stable group will be limited to 10 children and two consistent adults.
- The 1st & 2nd grade Sunday School room will be considered a “stable group” under the state guidelines. This stable group will be limited to 10 children and one or two consistent adults.
- Teachers of the “stable groups” may, but are not required by the state to wear face masks. Security staff or other member of the church who need to interact with more than one “stable group” are required to wear a face mask and wash/sanitize their hands between interaction with each stable group.

Entering and Exiting the Sunday School Classrooms

All Sunday School Classrooms

- Children will be asked to use Hand Sanitizer before entering the room
- A personal Bible is the only item a child may bring from home.
- Children in Kid’s Church will be asked to place their coats on the back of their chairs. They will be asked to return to the same chair when they return to the classroom. Children in Sunday School will be asked to place their coats in their personal cubbies in their classroom.
- When parents pick up their children after Sunday School, they will be asked to stay at the doorway. When the Sunday School Teacher sees the parent, they will release the child or children to the parent one at a time. The Sunday School Teacher will sign the child out on the Check-Out Clipboard.

Communion and Offering

Kid’s Church Service

- Communion servers will wear white cotton gloves. The elements will be passed out to individual children. Children will remain where they are sitting to take communion as a group. A garbage basket will be provided to collect the empty cups.

Breakfast Snack

Kid's Church Service

- Breakfast snacks will be prepared before the Kid's Church Service begins using food handling and storage protocols.
- As children enter Kid's Church, they will receive a a pre-packaged snack in a paper sack. Drinks will not be served.

Sunday School - Preschool and 1st & 2nd Grade Classrooms

- Children and Sunday School Teacher will sanitize their hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer prior to eating.
- Snacks will be provided to each child in individual containers. Water will be provided in individual paper cups. Sharing a snack is not allowed. Garbage cans will be provided to collect materials used for snack when snack time is finished.
- Children will not be allowed to use the drinking fountains.

Safety

All Sunday School Classrooms

- Children and teachers will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds. Except when eating or after using the restroom, alcohol-based hand sanitizing products (60-95%) may be used. Hand sanitizers will be stored out of the reach of children.
- Disinfectant wipes will be available in all classrooms.
- Children and Sunday School teachers are not required by the state to wear a face mask. Children over the age of 2 may wear a face mask if under close adult supervision. They should not wear a face mask if it is considered unsafe for the child or the child can not remove the face mask independently.

- A container which will include crayons or felt pens, scissors, and glue sticks will be made for each individual child in Sunday School. The containers will be labeled with the child's name and stored in the child's individual cubbies.
- Children and teachers should stay home and not attend Sunday School for 10 days after illness onset and until 72 hours after fever is gone, without use of fever reducing medicines and COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, and diarrhea) are improving.

Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

All Sunday School Classrooms

- Classrooms will be cleaned prior to Sunday. Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned/sanitized/disinfected. Linens will be laundered in hot water. Floors will be mopped or vacuumed.
- Door handles and sink handles will be wiped down with a disinfectant wipe during the day.
- Any item or toy put in a child's mouth will be removed until it can be cleaned and disinfected.
- Items used by the children will be collected and cleaned/sanitized or disinfected before being used the following Sunday.
- Items which are difficult to clean/sanitize (example, soft or plush toys) will be removed from the classroom.
- Windows will be opened to increase ventilation if possible and safe.