



## Grace Kids Procedures In Light of COVID-19

What a blessing it is to share God's Word and the love of Christ with your children! We are so thankful for your children and for you as parents also. As always, we are striving to keep your children safe while in our care at church. We want to continue to keep everyone healthy and safe. Thank you in advance for helping us follow these procedures during July & early August!

Please do not come into the building if you or your child...

1. Has or had a fever within the last 24 hours.
2. Has respiratory issues, has had a cough, is sneezing regularly, or has shortness of breath, vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours.
3. In the last 14 days has had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 or under investigation for COVID-19.

Upon Arrival:

1. Please check your child(ren) in and have them wash their hands or use hand sanitizer, which is located in dispensers throughout the building and at the check-in stations.
2. Please encourage your children use the restroom before going to class/service.
3. If you are waiting in line to check in your child(ren), please use the floor markings as guides for where to stand so as to maintain social distancing.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up:

1. To the degree possible, please only have one parent/guardian (no siblings under 16 please!) drop off and pick up your child(ren) so as to help maintain social distancing.
2. Please have your parent check-in tag in hand when picking up as some volunteers rotate and do not know every family.

General Procedures:

1. Leaders will wash hands or use hand sanitizer immediately before serving in their class. They will prompt children to wash hands/use hand sanitizer regularly and do so themselves.
2. Leaders will use gloves when distributing to children snacks that are not individually packaged for each child.
3. Leaders will continue to use our normal good hygiene and sanitization practices.
4. Surfaces will continue to be disinfected after class.
5. Toys that are placed in the mouth, sneezed on, etc... will continue to be disinfected before another child uses it.

Masks:

1. In keeping with our leadership's recommendation, leaders will be encouraged (like everyone else) to wear masks in the children's building. This will not be policed, but be asked of the leader out of concern for others (just as it is being asked of everyone else). If it is noticed that the masks become a barrier to effectively caring for, ministering to, and/or communicating with children, the leader will speak with the Children's Pastor about the matter and may decide to make accommodations for more effective ministry while still being safe.
2. Those who serve in the nursery classroom will not be required to wear masks since doing so may cause fear or concern for younger children they are ministering to. Wearing masks in this setting will (for some children) be a barrier to leaders effectively caring for, ministering to, and communication with children. If a leader is helping return children to

their parent/guardian at the end of the service, he or she will be encouraged to wear a mask.

3. Children are welcome to wear masks but not required to do so.

Social Distancing:

1. God has made us for relationships and interaction. So, social distancing can be difficult for children to understand and practice.
2. It's impossible for the youngest of children to grasp. For younger preschoolers, it could cause frustration and confusion if teachers require them to practice it. In addition, it is impossible to practice in the classroom. So, in the nursery we will continue to help children practice proper hygiene, but not require or implement social distancing.
3. In the children's building, children will initially gather in the large group area (which, in light of the outdoor mural on its walls, we call "Grace Park"). Multiple grades (PreK-2nd grade) will be meeting together during this time. Children will be asked to sit in designated seating during teaching time. Teachers will be asked to help kids maintain social distancing by not allowing them to crawl all over one another or sit right next to each other at tables. In addition, activities that allow for interaction but don't require close contact will be chosen.