



Lord willing, Youth and Children's Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 6, 2020. In light of the [CDC's recommendations for childcare facilities](#) and taking into account the limitations of a volunteer-staffed ministry, we are implementing the following safety protocols:

Safety Measures to Prevent Spread

- [CDC "Stop the Spread" signs](#) are posted throughout the Children's Ministry.
- [Hand washing instructions](#) are posted in all children's bathrooms.
- [CDC diaper changing instructions](#) are posted at all diaper changing stations.
- Hand sanitizer has been placed by the check-in stations and the entrance of each classroom.
- Prior to coming each Sunday, we ask that parents take the temperature of their child(ren). Children should not be placed in the Children's Ministry if they have a temperature of 100° or higher or any other signs of illness (see the [Well Child Policy](#)) including cough or shortness of breath.
- Upon arrival, each volunteer's temperature will be taken using a touch-free temperature scanner. Volunteers with a temperature of 100° or higher will not be allowed to serve.
- Upon arrival, each child's temperature will be taken by a volunteer using a touch-free temperature scanner prior to entry into the Children's Ministry. Children with a temperature of 100° or higher will not be allowed to enter the Children's Ministry.
- Touch-free temperature scanners are available at both the elementary and preschool desks in case a teacher/volunteer suspects a child is feverish.
- To reduce the number of people in the preschool & elementary hallways, we ask that, when possible, only one parent per family enter the hall to drop off and pick up their child(ren). We also ask that parents not linger in the hallways after drop off or pick up.
- We ask that parents wear a face covering when picking up and dropping off their child(ren).
- Volunteers will be required wear face coverings in the classroom. Exceptions will be made for teaching and story times where it is possible for the teacher to maintain six feet of distance from the class.
- Children and youth in grades K-6 will be required to wear masks in the classroom because distancing is not possible.¹
- For children in preschool, mask wearing will be left to the discretion of the parent(s).
- Children will be required to wash their hands after using the restroom and before and after snack time. Volunteers will work to ensure this happens.
- Volunteers will be required to wash or sanitize their hands before holding a child.
- Volunteers will be required to wash their hands prior to preparing snacks.
- Classes will remain separate and only one preschool class will utilize the playroom each week during Little Explorers.
- Preschool volunteers will work to limit the amount of toy sharing between children.
- Toys needing to be cleaned after class will be washed with soap and water.

¹ CDC guidance on children and mask wearing can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

If a child or volunteer is diagnosed with COVID-19 and found to have been potentially contagious while attending class or volunteering in a classroom:

- We ask that parents and volunteers notify the AP/Equipping (Dustin Butts) or CMD (Kyle Gross) as soon as possible after positive test results are received.
- All volunteers and parents of children who were exposed will be notified (without giving the name of the child or volunteer) by the church as soon as we become aware of the positive test result.
- Because we are not social distancing in our classrooms, all those who were in the class will be considered exposed (irrespective of mask wearing, per CDC guidelines) and will be asked to stay home from MVBC for fourteen days from the date of exposure.²
- If the exposure happened during a Sunday School class, the class will be closed for two weeks.
- Those children in the affected class who happened to be absent and were not exposed will be temporarily assigned to another class until their class reopens.
- The classroom where the exposure happened will be sanitized.

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>