

Healthy at Church Guidelines for Calvary 2021

Preschool and Children's Ministry

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We appreciate so much our wonderful children and families at Calvary! We are encouraged and hopeful at where we are now in May 2021 with our battle with COVID-19. I have been so proud of everyone these past months as we have worked together with our COVID guidelines, parents and teachers, to help out kids stay safe and healthy at Calvary. We are excited as we let go of some of our practices now and take steps toward a more hopeful and freeing summer ahead.

We have lots of fun faith forming activities for kids like VBS and camps, in addition to Sunday morning, that have been planned for the summer and we will continue to do in safe, thoughtful ways. Remember again, these guidelines are already layered on the good health and safety policies that are already a part of our children's ministry policies at Calvary.

We will all need to continue to work together with trust, good communication, flexibility, and hope. Please know I will be available to talk, as always, with any questions you may have or thoughts to share.

Carrie Beth

PRESCHOOL

Preschoolers

Preschoolers who are five years of age or under will not wear masks due to safety precautions. Calvary encourages but will not require unvaccinated kindergarteners to continue to wear a mask. We are leaving this decision up to each family.

Check-In and Check-Out

Preschoolers will be screened as they enter the preschool at the check-in station on the 1st floor. Preschool parents will be asked screening questions concerning the health of their child at this time and middle and older preschoolers encouraged to use hand sanitizer. Parents will register preschooler at the check-in station and then walk their child to their designated classroom. Parents will return to their child's class for check-out.

Screening and Illness

Preschoolers and teachers should stay home or be sent home if exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature of 100.4 or greater

- Cough
- Headache
- Sore throat (not caused by seasonal allergies)
- GI Issues (vomiting/diarrhea)
- New rash
- Exposure to someone who has COVID-19 during a 48 hour period before the onset of symptoms until meeting the criteria for discontinuing home isolation

If a child shows a fever of 100.4 or higher or displays other contagious symptoms, the child must be removed from the classroom immediately and sent to the designated safe, secluded area. The parent/ guardian will be notified and must pick up the child as soon as possible. A volunteer that displays symptoms will be sent home as well.

Teachers who demonstrate symptoms of COVID-19 are asked to be tested for the illness.

Upon learning of a COVID-19 case involving someone who has been in the preschool, we will immediately notify the Fayette County Department of Public Health for guidance with a course of action for our ministry including contacting families. This will include a focus on cleaning and disinfecting of all areas potentially exposed to the sick person.

Preschoolers or adults that test positive for COVID-19 must follow the recommendation of the Health Department on when to return to the program.

Teachers

Teachers (vaccinated and unvaccinated) should continue to wear a face mask while in the room with the preschoolers.

Staying Clean and Disinfecting

Handwashing is extremely important to prevent the spread of COVID as well as other illnesses. Staff and children will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the session as well as using hand sanitizer when needed. Teachers should wash hands or use gloves for routine tasks like changing diapers, preparing bottles or serving food, etc. in the care of children.

A cleaning and sanitizing process will be done at the end of each day to ready the room for the next use. Surfaces and high touch areas will be cleaned as needed throughout the session by teachers. Our plan for the cleaning of toys, bathrooms and classrooms is in place with our church custodian and preschool cleaning assistant.

Classroom

Classes will meet in rooms or spaces that allow for the maintaining of plenty of physical distancing between preschoolers (middle and kindergarten) while doing small group and large group activities.

CHILDREN

Children

Calvary encourages but will not require unvaccinated children to continue to wear a mask. We are leaving this decision up to each family.

Teachers will continue to encourage children to observe physical distancing as possible.

Check-In and Check-Out

Children will be screened as they enter the children's area (2nd floor) at the check-in station. Children's parents will be asked screening questions concerning the health of their child at this time and girls and boys encouraged to use hand sanitizer. Parents will register children at the check-in station and allow their child to walk to their designated classroom. Parents will return to their child's class for check-out.

Screening and Illness

Children and teachers should stay home or be sent home if exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

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- Cough
- Headache
- Sore throat (not caused by seasonal allergies)
- GI Issues (vomiting/diarrhea)
- New rash
- Exposure to someone who has COVID-19 during a 48 hour period before the onset of symptoms until meeting the criteria for discontinuing home isolation

If a child shows a fever of 100.4 or higher or displays other contagious symptoms, the child must be removed from the classroom immediately and sent to the designated safe, secluded area. The parent/ guardian will be notified and must pick up the child as soon as possible. A volunteer that displays symptoms will be sent home as well.

Teachers who demonstrate symptoms of COVID-19 are asked to be tested for the illness.

Upon learning of a COVID-19 case involving someone who has been in the elementary area, we will immediately notify the Fayette County Department of Public Health for guidance with a course of action for our ministry including contacting families. This will include a focus on cleaning and disinfecting of all areas potentially exposed to the sick person.

Children or adults that test positive for COVID-19 must follow the recommendation of the Health Department on when to return to the program.

Teachers

Calvary will encourage but not require unvaccinated adults to wear a mask --especially those that work with masked/unmasked unvaccinated children. Vaccinated teachers in the elementary may continue to wear or not wear a mask as they feel comfortable. We ask that teachers still keep a physical distance from the children.

Staying Clean and Disinfecting

A cleaning and sanitizing process will be done at the end of each day to ready the room for the next use. Surfaces and high touch areas will be cleaned as needed by teachers. A plan for the cleaning of bathrooms and classrooms is in place with our church custodian.

Water fountain use has been discontinued at this time. Disposable cups will be available in classrooms.

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Classroom

Classes will meet in rooms or spaces that allow for the maintaining of plenty of physical distancing between kids and teachers while doing small group and large group activities.