

REOPENING KIDS MINISTRY

Tips for preparing to open kids ministry in your church.

POLICY & PROCEDURES

- Disinfect classrooms before & after each service.
- Screening and evaluating children prior to entering
 1. Kids need to be fever free, without a fever reducer, for 24 hours before attending class.
 2. Kids may not attend class if they have had diarrhea or vomiting in the last 24 hours.
 3. Kids may not attend class with any other symptoms such as pink-eye, coughing, runny nose, wheezing, etc.
- Surfaces and objects that are frequently touched should be cleaned and sanitized regularly, even those that are not usually cleaned daily (toys, games, etc.)
- Toys that children have placed in their mouths must be removed from the play area until sanitized.
- Workers/volunteers should handle check in, rather than allowing parents to do so on iPads or computers.
- Clean visibly dirty surfaces with soap and water prior to disinfecting.
- Hand sanitizer must be in each room, as well as extra gloves & masks just in case.
- Designate a chair/seat for each child as they come in - they must remain using that same seat for all of class.

TIPS

- Reach out to parents - see how comfortable they are with bringing their kids back to kids church.
- Communicate directly with parents about your plan.
- Infants/toddlers stay with parents.

- Only 1 parent dropping of kids.
- Keep socially distanced even in classrooms - chairs/seats 6 ft apart.
- Limit the amount of people in the kids area.
- Hallway monitor - to disinfect bathrooms (toilet & sink) after each use.
- Have a plan for check in and check out to keep social distancing measures.
- Repeat your policies in multiple different ways.
- Post signage in your kids area with wellness policy, plans/policy, snack policy, when closed for sanitizing, traffic patterns, cleaning checklist.
- No plush toys or books.
- No snacks to keep kids from touching their face.
- Divide toys and switch out between services.
- Keep a cleaning checklist for every room (date & time).
- Prepare bags of craft supplies ahead of time with each kids name on them with a sticker (for example scissors, crayons, glue stick, etc)
- Keep providing ministry for your kids online.

VOLUNTEER TIPS

- Recruit additional volunteers for rooms, check in and hall monitors.
- Re-envision your volunteers.
- Re-up with your volunteers individually.
- Relay new policies/procedures/ expectations.