

# Student Health & Safety Protocols

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Dear Parents,

We deeply care about each every one of our families here at Christ Church. During this time of pandemic we have thought long and hard about the best way to re-open our Sunday morning experience for middle and high schoolers. The health and safety of everyone is very important to us and as a result we have put together some new policies and procedures.

We understand that there are strong feelings about this current crisis on every side. Please know that everything we are doing is in the name of loving our Lord and loving our neighbor. **Therefore, in order for your son or daughter to be allowed to participate in Sunday morning student ministry they must be willing to follow these guidelines.** If you have any questions or concerns feel free to reach out to me.

In His Service,  
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## **REGISTRATION**

Families will register children for Sunday School. This one-time registration confirms that your student is returning to the program and serves as your consent to the Health & Safety Protocols outlined in this document. We encourage you to share “what to expect” with your student.

## **ATTENDANCE**

In addition to our current ministry policies requiring students attending church activities to be symptom and fever free, temperature screening will take place at the door for anyone entering the building. Students should not attend Sunday School if they have experienced fever or flu-like symptoms in the past 24 hours. Please be mindful of physical distancing.

## **SUNDAY MORNING CHECK IN**

Students may not pass through the Children's Ministry Wing to enter the Student Ministry Wing. The only available access point for Student Ministry are the west doors of the Archgate Café. Upon entering the building students will be temperature checked and will check-in with a staff member to receive their name tag.

## **KEEPING SAFE IN THE YOUTH PRAISE CENTER**

We have changed our Sunday morning programming to two identical services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. These will take place in the Youth Praise Center and will include songs of praise, readings from God's Word, a sermon, and prayer. In addition to being symptom free, all students must wear masks that cover their nose and mouth, sanitize their hands, and maintain social distance. We have spaced out the seats in the YPC to allow for this. Students may only sit with members of their household. As usual students will be escorted to the main building to await the passing of the peace to rejoin their families for Communion. Students must sit with their parents in the sanctuary. There will be no "student section" in the sanctuary. In between each service we have a cleaning team that sanitizes the space.

## **SYMPTOMATIC STUDENT**

Steps to be taken for a student feeling unwell during Youth Praise:

- The student will be removed from any area with other students
- We will contact the parents to retrieve the student and we will bring siblings to parents as well to minimize re-entry to building. Parents will be given a copy of procedures covering reporting, return to church, etc.
- The entire space is disinfected before and after each service

## **COVID-19 POSITIVE**

Response to lab confirmed case of Covid-19

- If an individual in a household tests positive for Covid-19 (or comes in close contact with a person who tests positive for Covid-19) and if they have been on campus or at a church event within the time of exposure, please immediately report the positive case to Christ Church Family Ministry staff. The family's privacy will be respected and discretion will be used.
- Areas where affected persons have accessed will be closed off and disinfected.
- Staff, teachers and families who experienced 15 minutes of contact with anyone from that household will be notified and should quarantine for 10 days.

## **EMERGENCY**

In the case of emergency, there will be no physical distancing. The safety and needs of the immediate issue (fire, tornado, etc.) will take priority and the Student Ministry emergency steps will be followed.