

Addendum = These Grace Kidz Protocols are in addition to the information in our Children's Ministry Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines. When a conflict occurs, those found in this addendum take precedent over those in the Policies and Procedure Document.

Grace Kidz COVID Protocols

Purpose of the Protocol: To help families and volunteers re-enter opportunities for family ministry in a safe and healthy environment.

1. Risk Management Protocols

- a) Grace Presbyterian Church will strive to operate within the safety regulations and risk management protocols recommended by the CDC, IDPH, PCCHD, and DCFS.
- b) Nursery and Preschool children's temperatures will be taken, and a health assessment given during check-in, before being allowed into the children's hallways. In addition, all children and volunteers must follow Grace's *Well-Person Policy*, which has been updated to include COVID symptoms.
- c) If a volunteer or child becomes ill or exhibits any illness symptoms, as outlined on Grace's *Well-Person Policy*, while participating in a Children's activity, they will be asked to go home until they meet the well-person requirements.
- d) Parents, children, and volunteers should remain home if they or another member of their household show physical symptoms of sickness or have been exposed to someone with a positive COVID test result. By "exposed," we refer to 15 consistent minutes within less than six feet from someone who has the virus.
- e) Children and volunteers who test positive for COVID, or a member of whose family has tested positive for COVID should stay at home for 10 days before returning to the children's programs or events.
- f) If a child has been quarantined from school, daycare, or another program they may not attend children's programs or events until their quarantine has lifted or until they meet our requirements outlined in this document, whichever is longer.
- g) Any persons who enter children's areas and subsequently test positive for COVID during the following week agree to notify Grace of their positive test result. Everyone in the room is considered "close contact" because of the nature of our children's programs and events. The church will communicate to the volunteers and parents of children who were in the same room. Personal information will be held strictly confidential.
- h) In the case of a positive COVID test result, the church will close the children's classrooms until the rooms, equipment, and toys can be thoroughly deep cleaned and disinfected.

2. Parental Protocols.

- a) Families should preregister each week by Friday. Late registrants may not be able to attend due to number of registrations, space limitations, or lack of volunteers. Although we will strive to ensure that all preregistered children are able to attend, it may be necessary to adjust the number of children who may attend, even at the last minute.
- b) Only one Parent or Guardian should enter the children's hallways in limited numbers.
- c) For those in the Nursery, Parents should only bring essentials (just a couple of diapers, necessary food, binky/comfort item, etc.) with them.
- d) Church provided snacks may be given by a designated gloved and masked volunteer.
- e) Masks will be required for all parents and children 3-years-old or older while in the Children's areas. Children 2-years-old or younger will not be required to wear masks.

3. Volunteer Protocols

- a. Volunteers will be encouraged to serve only if they feel safe and comfortable doing so.
- b. Volunteer to child ratios will be followed according to the Grace Kidz handbook. Small group time may be introduced back into the schedule.
- c. All volunteers, whether vaccinated or not, will always properly wear a mask while in the children's areas. Grace Pres. will provide smocks for the Volunteers to wear. Volunteers must wash their hands with soap and water when entering a classroom. If a sink is not available, hand sanitizer may be used.
- d. A volunteer will be assigned to assist with all classroom check-in as well as to take health assessments, temperatures, etc. This will reduce contact between multiple people and surfaces.
- e. Volunteers will clean and disinfect the equipment, toys, and surfaces after each use and as often as needed.

4. Facility Protocols.

- a) Rooms and equipment will be cleared, cleaned, and disinfected, including toys, chairs, equipment, etc. Cloth items will be collected and washed after each program or event.
- b) The number of children allowed to participate will be determined by how many volunteers we have for any given week, in addition to limits determined by capacity of the room, according to social distancing guidelines.



Should I Bring My Child To Church? **Guidelines if your child might not be feeling well**

We know children can get sick quickly and at the worst times! We also know that you look forward to worshipping God with your adult friends while your child is in his or her own class. However, we must consider all the children and their families in our programs. No one wants to come to church and get sick!

Therefore, we cannot allow a child to participate in our programs if they have:

Cold and flu symptoms including colored nasal discharge or congestion, cough, or frequent sneezing.

Sore throat or when the back of the throat looks red or has white spots.

Stomachache/Vomiting/Diarrhea within the past 24 hours.

Fever greater than 100.4° within the past 7 days, without medication.

Loss of taste or smell

Headache or body aches

Experiencing shortness of breath or trouble breathing

On Antibiotics, unless they have been on the antibiotics for at least 24 hours by the beginning of our program.

Rash and skin infections of any kind without a doctor's okay.

Eye infections until there is no more discharge.

Lice until it has been properly treated.

Any other communicable disease.

If your child has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days or is awaiting test results, they should not attend in-person services, programs, or events.

If still in doubt, ask yourself, "How would I feel if another parent brought their child with the symptoms my child has?"

If your child becomes ill while in our care, he or she will be separated from the other children and you will be notified immediately to pick them up.

All open wounds must be covered.

GraceKidz Staff cannot administer medication, unless it is an Epi-Pen in an emergency situation.