

# UPDATED PROCEDURES

*All of the following protocols have been put in place using the American Academy of Pediatrics, Center of Disease Control and State of Ohio Guidelines.*

## WELLNESS POLICY

*Children of all ages may participate in ministry groups, unless any of the following symptoms of communicable disease are present.*

- Drainage from the eyes
- Fever of 100°F or higher in the last 48 hours
- Respiratory symptoms within the last 48 hours  
*(including but not limited to cough, runny nose, sore throat, congestion, & shortness of breath)*
- Rash
- Diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting in the past 48 hours
- Any other signs of illness

The policies outlined in the following pages will be regularly reevaluated as circumstances change. If you have any **questions**, don't hesitate to reach out to **Laura**.



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# BEFORE SERVICE

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- **A child may not participate in Green Kids Ministry if there is concern of illness.** To see which symptoms of illness are disqualifying, see our full wellness policy above.
- Children are encouraged to **bring their own Bible, journal, and pen.**
- **Masks are currently optional**, but this is subject to potential change at any time dependent on circumstances, as is the case with all of these policies. Children who arrive with masks will be encouraged to keep them on during the hour (and documented for quarantine purposes).
- Families will be encouraged to check-in at the **check-in kiosks spread throughout the building.** If your child has a medical necessity, please visit the **Main Check-In Desk on the first floor** to complete the medical form.

# CHECK-IN, DROP-OFF, & PICK-UP

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- Drop-off in classroom will begin **10 minutes before each service.**
- Parents will drop-off and pick-up in the hallway lobby. **Only children and adult leaders will be permitted to enter the halls and classrooms.** Parent and volunteer visitors will be permitted on a case by case situation and approved by GKM staff.
- Children must wash hands / use hand sanitizer immediately before or after entering the hall.

# DURING SERVICE

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- Large group / multi-class story time are currently on-pause. Kids will experience story time / worship with their age group class.
- A minimum of **3 feet social distancing** will be advised for children and volunteers.
- All Kids' spaces will be sanitized after each service.
- Each hallway will have a designated "Waiting Room." Should a child become ill during church or begin to display symptoms of COVID-19 while in a GKM hallway or classroom, we'll transition them to the Waiting Room until a parent can pick them up.
- Children unable to follow safety guidelines will be asked to sit with a parent in the Worship Center or Cry Room.

## GUIDELINES: NURSERY

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- Items entering the hallway will be limited. In lieu of a diaper bag, please send a clear plastic Ziploc bag (gallon-size), containing **only necessities**:
  - Bottle for feeding (*no sippy cups, please*)
  - Change of clothes
  - Pacifier (*if needed*)
  - Diapers and wipes (*We have a supply of diapers and hypo-allergenic wipes for diaper changes, or you may send your own.*)
- Please label your Ziploc bag with your child's name and any special instructions (feeding time, teething info, etc.).

## GUIDELINES: PRESCHOOL

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- Please encourage children to only bring their Bible into the hallway.
- We have a supply of diapers, wipes, and clean clothing available in case of a bathroom accident. If you carry a diaper bag to church, please keep it with you rather than sending it in with your child.
- If your preschooler requires specialty or hypo-allergenic diapers, you may send the diapers you wish us to use by following these steps:
  - Use a clear, plastic Ziploc bag (gallon-size).
  - Label the bag with your child's name & any special instructions.
  - Inform our team that your child has a necessary bag with them.
  - Do not include toys, food, or drinks.