

# Antioch Kids Ministry

## Re-opening Protocol

### INTRODUCTION

We cannot wait to see your kids on August 16th! We are working extremely hard to minimize risk of COVID spread, while still ensuring that every child feels loved, encounters God and has a blast at Church. We are committed to AKM being the best hour of every kid's week!

We have had some Elementary ministry name changes and class relocations! There is signage to help you find the new rooms!

The Journey has changed to "The River," and is now 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades. They remain in the Kid's Auditorium.

The Quest has changed to "The Deep," and is now 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. They now meet in the old Kindergarten room (also known as Room 500).

Kindergarten is now in the old Quest room, in the back of the Kid's Auditorium. Enter the new Kindergarten room off the infant/toddler hallway.

### REGISTRATION

Initially as we reopen, you will need to reserve a spot for each of your children, which you will do when you reserve a space for yourself each Sunday. Unfortunately, if you do not register your child(ren), or if we were to reach our max capacity with reservations, we will not be able to welcome your child(ren) that week. Watch Antioch's emails and social media for reservation openings the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>.

When you arrive on Sunday, you will be greeted by a welcoming Pillar or staff member who will sign your child(ren) in at the kiosks, ask you general questions about the physical health of your family, and take temperatures of attending children. Then YOU will take your child to class. Please maintain social distance in the hallways where possible.

Unless you are serving as a kids' Pillar, your child(ren) can only attend one service in our preschool, and we ask all kindergarten-elementary children to only attend one service. However, children are welcome/encouraged to attend the main service with you if you need to be on campus for more than one service. This will help us accommodate as many kids as possible in this season.

As always, we ask that you take your child(ren) to the bathroom before bringing them into kids ministry. Of course, kids will have the opportunity to use the bathroom if needed during class time.

## WELLNESS

If you or your child(ren) are experiencing any symptoms of sickness (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea) in the last 24 hours, we ask that you please remain home. Join us on the livestream!

If you have been in significant contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID, we ask that you not attend in person services until 14 days after that encounter.

Please have your child(ren) use our hand sanitizer stations before entering their class.

## CAMPUS CLEANLINESS

So that we can disinfect rooms thoroughly, please pick up your child(ren) immediately after the service. We need 20 minutes between services to adequately clean and disinfect each of our rooms.

Rooms will be sanitized before and after use. (Many of the 11:00 classrooms will not be used during the 9:00 service, so they will have already been disinfected prior to Sunday.)

To keep things clean, hand sanitizer will be available and used in each room, as well as in the Kids Discipleship Groups.

All toys will be cleaned/sanitized between services with Force of Nature cleaner.

## PHYSICAL DISTANCING & MASKS

To keep your child(ren) and classroom Pillars healthy, all Pillars and staff will be wearing masks on Sunday. Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade children will be required to wear masks as well. Masks for Preschool children are not required but are suggested.

Children will not be physically distanced; however, we will be limiting class/group size so we can limit exposure. Classes/groups will stay together and physical distance as best as possible from other classes/groups.

## MITIGATING RISK

To limit exposure, we will not be accepting diaper bags into classrooms. We have diapers we will use to change your child(ren), but if you require a specific diaper, you may provide that diaper with your child's name written on it. We use Member's Mark diapers and Member's Mark unscented wipes.

Sadly, because we cannot keep them disinfected between use, water fountains are closed. There will not be drinks available during the service, please make sure your child has a drink before they arrive at church.

During this time, we will not have snacks in any of our classes. We know this can be hard for some kids, so we suggest you give them a snack before you come, and that you have a snack available if needed after the service.

Preschool children will not be going to the playground, nor will toddlers to the toddler playroom for a season while we try to ensure everyone's safety.

## NOTIFICATION

For the safety of everyone, if you or your child tests positive for COVID within 14 days of attending Antioch Kids, please let us know as soon as possible. You can email [kids@antiochwaco.com](mailto:kids@antiochwaco.com)

If we learn that a child or adult Pillar has tested positive for COVID within 14 days of attending Antioch Kids Ministry, we will alert the families of the children that child or leader was in close contact with in class. We will not give out any name of a child or adult that tested positive. Per CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>), if we have contacted you about a Covid exposure, we ask that you not return in person to Antioch kids for 14 days.