

## **Antioch Kids Ministry**

### **Updated COVID Protocol 4/20/21**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

We are still 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!

#### **Check-In**

We will no longer require registration for Sunday morning Kids Ministry! We will, however, continue to keep the classroom capacities at a manageable number.

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. 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 10 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. Masks for children are not required but are welcomed.

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

Sadly, because we cannot keep them disinfected between use, water fountains are closed. However, we will give out cups of water as needed.

We will be offering a snack of goldfish and water for 1- and 4 year-old classes - Of course, you may always opt for your child not to have a snack or to bring one from home. Our (gloved and masked) staff will prep individual snack bags of goldfish ahead of time for each child, and we will serve water in small paper cups.

Each 2-year-old class will now be able to go to the indoor playroom - We will be disinfecting this room between classrooms and spacing the times for cleaner to dry in between groups.

Each 3 year old-kindergarten class will now be able to visit the playground.

#### NOTIFICATION

For the safety of everyone, if you or your child tests positive for COVID within 2 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 developed symptoms and tested positive for COVID within 2 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.