



Updated Health & Wellness Policies for Church Campus Based Programming

*We are excited to continue offering home-based online Kids Ministry programming while we move toward offering campus based programming beginning Wednesday, September 2. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, please thoroughly read the newly updated health and wellness policies as outlined below and address any questions to brittanymrbc@gmail.com. **These policies are fluid and are subject to change.***

General

- Children and families must not attend on campus programming if there is contagious illness in the home. Children and families must adhere to the illness protocols as listed below.
- Students will be checked in at the breezeway (as long as weather allows) and taken to their class in order to reduce hallway congestion with parents and children. At drop off, parents may be asked a series of questions to determine exposures of illness in the home. Upon arrival, children and staff will need to either sanitize their hands or wash with soap and water. Temperature checks will not be done on arrival for all children and staff, but we reserve the right to check temperatures if a child shows symptoms of illness.
- Children will use the stairs at the breezeway entrance to go up and the back stairwell for going down. (This is subject to change in the event children and adults begin sharing the building).
- Adult leaders will wear face coverings when a 6-foot distance cannot be maintained. We will *not* be enforcing students to wear face coverings.
- Adults should adhere to local/state ordinances regarding face coverings while on campus when social distancing is not feasible. Children under the age of 10 and people who have a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask are exempt from the order. **Adults and children over the age of 10 should wear face coverings while waiting in line to be checked in and coming in and out of buildings.**
 - *Every person in Texas shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor*

public space, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household;

- In order to avoid the necessity for face coverings in classrooms, class sizes will be limited as to provide for appropriate social distancing. Indoor larger group gatherings (such as large group Bible study for Sunday school or game time for Awana) and close-contact activities will be avoided. Students will remain with their specific small groups for the duration of programming. We are only able to provide classes according to the quantity of qualified, approved leaders available for smaller class capacities.
- Families should teach children to abide by general wellness practices such as frequent hand washing, not touching their face, covering coughs and sneezes, etc.

Building Cleanliness

- Classrooms, restrooms, and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned prior to the arrival of staff and students. At the completion of the evening, spaces used will be sanitized again. Water fountains will not be in use. (If your child needs to have water with them, please provide a filled water bottle).
- While in the classroom, students will be provided supplies for personal use. We will not share crayons, glue sticks, pencils, etc.

Illness Protocol

- Children and families must not attend on campus programming if there is contagious illness in the home. If a child is found to be symptomatic of contagious illness while participating in church programming, his/her parents will be asked to take the child and his/her siblings home. Symptoms of contagious illness (including Covid-19) may include:
 - Feeling unwell to the point of not participating in programming comfortably.
 - A fever of greater than 99.9
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Green or mucus discharge from nose

- Children must be symptom free without the aid of medication for 36 hours before attending on campus programming.

Contagious Illness Reporting Specific to Covid-19

- In respect of the church community, participating families should notify Jennifer Howard or Brittany Harley in the event anyone in the household tests positive for Covid-19. This will allow staff the opportunity to determine the level of exposure on campus and notify those who have been exposed. If a family member in the household has had a positive Covid-19 test, the household should self-quarantine as recommended by local city, state, or federal agencies and not attend campus based church programming. After receiving a report of a positive Covid-19 case, we will work with the individual testing positive and identify close contacts within the church community.

As of July 22, 2020, the CDC recommends for an individual that has tested positive for Covid-19, to self-quarantine for 10 days after symptoms begin and until 24 hours fever free.

- If a family has been exposed to someone with Covid-19, the family should not attend campus based church programming.

Policy Updates

- All Children's Ministry programming falls under the leadership of Matthew Road Baptist Church. We will continue to follow the lead of the church regarding policy changes or closures.
- Due to the ever-changing nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, the above policies may be changed at any moment. You will be made aware of these changes via email. These policies will also be updated on our church website, www.matthewroad.org.

Acknowledgments

- By having your child participate in campus based church programming, you are acknowledging the contagious nature of Covid-19 along with other illnesses and displaying an understanding of exposure risks. Matthew Road Baptist Church cannot guarantee a virus-free environment.

For Fee-Based programs (Awana)

- Because the curriculum and materials purchased for Awana are consumable and not returnable, any dues or fees paid for Awana will not be refunded upon a church closure.

Continuation of Programming Plan

- Matthew Road KIDS has been blessed with the ability to continue provided at-home discipleship during the temporary church closure of 2020. In the event the church would need to close again, Matthew Road KIDS will continue to provide at-home discipleship. In addition, we have a variety of at-home/virtual discipleship programs for families who prefer this. It is our desire to continue to provide Christ-centered worship and Bible study opportunities for all families.

I/We acknowledge the contagious nature of Covid-19 and understand the risk I/we may be exposed to while attending on campus programming at Matthew Road Baptist Church. Matthew Road Baptist Church cannot guarantee a virus-free environment. I have read the Children's Ministry Policies and understand the protocols the church is implementing.

I/We release Matthew Road Baptist Church, all the staff, and volunteers of any liability with respect to Covid-19 or other infections disease or illness. I/We are freely participating in any activity with the knowledge that there are inherent risks in attending on campus programming due to the ongoing threat of Covid-19 along with other illnesses.

Child's Name(s):

Parent's Signature:

DATE: