

# St. Andrew's Children's Ministry

## Reopening & COVID Procedures

### COVID Procedures

During these unprecedented times, St. Andrew's Children's Ministry remains committed to providing our children, volunteers, and staff with a safe, healthy, loving environment in which to learn, work, play, and grow. Therefore, we have developed the following policies and procedures related to our operations during the Covid-19 outbreak. These guidelines will stay in place for an undetermined amount of time and may be revised or rewritten at any point. Parents will be notified as changes are made.

#### ARRIVAL AND PICK UP:

- Drop-off opens 15 minutes before each service.

#### Sunday

- 8:45 AM Sign in at the Welcome Center
- One family member will drop off, and pick up their child.
  - All kids will be checked in at the Children's Ministry Entrance. Teachers will walk students to their assigned classrooms.
  - Parents who are walking their children to the check-in station are required to wear masks and practice social distancing.
- Each child will have a health screening at check-in. Any child, volunteer, or staff member with a temperature of 100.0 degrees or illness symptoms will not be allowed to come to the Children's Ministry.
- Our staff and class sizes are limited, so admittance to the Children's Ministry will be on a first come first serve basis. If a specific age group is full we will not be able to accept any more children within that age group for that day.

#### MASKS:

- Elementary children, 1st through 5th grade, are required to wear a mask covering

the mouth and nose while inside any building at St. Andrew's. Children two-years-old through kindergarten are encouraged but not required to wear masks.

### **THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ROOMS:**

- Volunteers and workers will wear masks at all times. Elementary Children will wear masks while in the building.
- Following DHEC guidelines, we will consider the members of a ministry room (children and teachers) a cohort.
  - According to DHEC: This means keeping the same children and staff together and limiting any interaction outside of that group. Children cohorted in a room together should be kept away from children in other rooms, and staff should practice social distancing when around other staff members.

### **COVID CASES WITHIN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**

- All families in the Children's Ministry will be notified via email if a student or staff member within their child's cohort tests positive for COVID. The name of the person who tests positive will not be released and there will be no discussion about the circumstances. The church treats medical issues as pastoral issues and pastoral issues are not discussed outside of the Church staff.

**CLOSURES:** Reasons for closures may include but are not limited to government mandates, DHEC recommendations, St. Andrew's Church recommendations, etc.