

SMVC Kids Church Procedures 4/11/2021

Separate Entrance: We love being an intergenerational church family and look forward to the day when we won't have to be on high alert for germs or social distancing, but in order to minimize contact between our youngest church members and older, more vulnerable church members, Vineyard Kids will enter through the new double doors to the right of the main entrance (still facing the parking lot).

Drop-Off: Please bring your kiddos to check-in through these new double doors on the right. You can check-in just inside these doors with us and then use the main church entrance yourself, or you can enter as a family through the Vineyard Kids doors to check in, then see yourself to the auditorium through the interior hallway from the multi-purpose room.

- All children 2 and older are required to wear a mask in the building
- Contact-free temperature checks will be done at check-in along with hand sanitizer
- No snacks at this time (We have been keeping the service to one hour or less, which will help us endure Kids Church without snacks!)
- Kids can bring a labeled water bottle from home; no other toys or items may come into church from home other than a Bible
- A coat rack will be available for jackets and personal belongings to stay in the multi-purpose room during kids church
- Check-in will begin 10 minutes prior to the service start at 10am; kids will gather in the multi-purpose room for free-time activities, then teachers will bring them to their classrooms down the hallway

Toddler Room:

- Maximum of 7 children
- Infants who can sit independently may participate in the toddler room with children up to age 3; younger infants may stay with a parent in the grown-up service or use the nursing mother's room with a parent/guardian
- Masks will be worn by volunteers but not by children under 2
- Babies/toddlers must be dropped off in a clean diaper; Toddler Room teacher will text parents for any diaper changes required during the service and will be met in the nursing mother's room for parents to change them
- Teachers will assist children with hand washing / sanitizer as needed
- Social distancing is not required for this age group; we will do our best to limit physical interactions while we play, read stories, listen to music, and pray together
- No snacks or drinks provided at this time; make sure children are fed before church and a water bottle is labeled from home, if needed

Preschool Room:

- Maximum of 10 children

- Age 3 (potty trained) to 5 (including Kindergarten, if they're not ready for the elementary room)
- Volunteers and children required to wear masks for the duration of Kids Church
- Social distancing is not required for this age group; we will do our best to limit physical interactions while we play, learn, sing, craft, and pray together
- We will provide individual containers of supplies for each child to use for crafts to limit sharing materials
- Hand washing and sanitizer as needed
- No snacks or drinks provided at this time; make sure children are fed before church and a water bottle is labeled from home, if needed
- If your child needs you during the service, Preschool Room teacher will text you and meet you in the nursing mother's room with your child

Elementary Room:

- Maximum of 15 children
- Kindergarten thru 5th grade
- Volunteers and children required to wear masks for the duration of Kids Church
- Social distancing requirements for this age group is 3 feet; seating at tables will be 3 feet apart, seating on orange couches will be 1 family per couch or 2 kids may seat on either side; carpet tiles on the floor will be at least 3 feet apart
- We will provide individual containers of supplies and lap trays (for floor use) for each child for crafts and activities to use on a weekly basis
- Children may bring a Bible from home or will be assigned a Bible at church for weekly use
- Hand washing and sanitizer as needed
- No snacks or drinks provided at this time; make sure children are fed before church and a water bottle is labeled from home, if needed
- If your child needs you during the service, Preschool Room teacher will text you and meet you in the nursing mother's room with your child

Pick up: As soon as the grown-up service ends, please come down the East hallway to pick up your kiddos and exit through the multi-purpose room to the parking lot—the same spot as drop-off.

Vineyard Kids Health Screening Procedures

We will be using the Minnesota Department of Health Screening Procedures for Schools as outlined here. If your child has **ANY** of the following more common COVID-19 symptoms, they must not attend Kids Church and should consider getting a COVID-19 test:

- Fever of 100 or higher (temperature check should be done before leaving home; we will also check temps at check-in)
 - Fever below 100 needs to be without the use of fever reducing medications
- New onset or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

If your child has **ANY TWO** or more of the less Common COVID-19 symptoms, they must not attend Kids Church and should consider getting a COVID-19 test:

- Muscle or body aches
- Sore Throat
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Excessive fatigue
- New onset of severe headache
- New onset nasal congestion or runny nose

In either of these cases, any other children in the same household must remain at home as well and cannot attend any activities until a negative test can confirm the symptoms are not COVID-19 related, or a medical professional can provide an alternative diagnosis.

If your child is awaiting results from a COVID-19 test, they (and any children in the household) cannot attend Kids Church or any activities until we have verified they are medically cleared to return. Please see the linked resource for additional information from MDH regarding [What to do While You Wait for a COVID-19 Test Result](#). If it is determined that a child must quarantine or isolate, we will help determine the date of return according to MDH guidance.

Linked is the [MDH Decision Tree](#) that schools and youth programs will use to determine who will need to quarantine or isolate depending on the given circumstances. It also indicates when a person in quarantine or isolation may return to school or activities. As you can see in the Decision Tree, if a child is sent home with COVID-19 symptoms, any other children living in the same household will be sent home too.