

2021 Vacation Bible School Safety Protocols

What You Can Expect: In order to keep our children and adults safe, our VBS Team has established safety protocols that we will follow during our time together. It is important to our team that you are aware of these protocols and can make decisions that are right for your family.

General Safety Protocols:

- Reminder-There is not meal provided this year, only take-home snacks!
- Pick-up and drop-off will be the same as previous years, but masks are required to be worn by everyone entering the building.
 - Check you child in at the table by the double doors. You child will be given a name tag and told what group they are in. They will then go directly to the sanctuary and sit in the designated area for their group.
 - For pick up you are welcome to go up to the sanctuary any time after 7:45. Children are dismissed around 8p.m. Please remember to pick up their craft or imagination station activity for the day.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizer will be required for all children and volunteers upon arrival.
- Group size is limited to 10 children.
- Group leaders (volunteers) and children will remain with their designated group throughout the entirety of the program unless a bathroom break is required.
- Frequent hand washing/sanitizing will be required for all participants.
- We will frequently clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in all areas used during VBS. Nightly we will use a large room cleaning spray for the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, & Youth Room.
- Most items used for activities are already bagged and prepared for each child and will not be used with anyone else. Any items that are used by multiple children/groups will be disinfected between uses.
- If a volunteer or child displays one or more symptoms of COVID-19 or reports a positive COVID test, the person will immediately be isolated and sent home. They may return only when they have doctor's note confirming a negative test and are 48-hours symptom free.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, all affected areas and supplies will be disinfected immediately.
- Parent/Guardian(s) will be notified of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in their child's group and if the group needs to close.

Inside Protocols:

- All children and volunteers are required to wear masks and follow physical distancing guidelines of at least 3 ft. within their assigned group.
- When in the sanctuary for opening and closing VBS daily each group will sit in their assigned area, 3 ft. apart within their own group, and at least 6 ft. apart from the other groups.
- Children and volunteers may use single-stall restrooms. If children need to use a multi-stall restroom, the number of children in the restroom will not exceed the number of stalls.

Outside Protocols:

- Masks are optional for children ages 11 and under & fully vaccinated adults/youth. Unvaccinated adults and youth 12 and over are required to mask since you are interacting with children who are unable to vaccinate.
- All children will be asked to refrain from hand holding, hugging, etc. during our time together. We will encourage distancing as much as possible!