

Addendum = These Grace Kidz Protocols are in addition to the information in our Children's Ministry Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines. When a conflict occurs, those found in this addendum take precedent over those in the Policies and Procedure Document.

Grace Kidz COVID Protocols

Purpose of the Protocol: To help families and volunteers engage in children's programs, classes, and events in a safe and healthy environment.

1. Risk Management Protocols

- a) Grace Presbyterian Church will strive to operate within the safety regulations and risk management protocols recommended by the AMA, CDC, IDPH, and PCCHD. The COVID Protocol Team will determine how the recommendations apply to our church protocols. Then the Protocol Ministry Team determines how those protocols will apply to specific ministries.
- b) All children and volunteers must follow Grace's *Well-Person Policy*, which includes COVID symptoms. (See last page) If a volunteer or child becomes ill or exhibits any illness symptoms, as outlined on Grace's *Well-Person Policy*, while participating in a Children's activity, they will be asked to leave until they meet the well-person requirements.
- c) Parents, children, and volunteers should remain home if they or another member of their household show physical symptoms of sickness or have been exposed to someone with a positive COVID test result. By "exposed," we refer to someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- d) Those who were exposed to COVID should not attend children's programs or events for 5 days. If the person shows no signs of illness after 5 full days, their quarantine may be lifted.
- e) Children and volunteers who test positive for COVID, or a member of whose family has tested positive for COVID should stay at home for 5 days before returning to the children's programs or events, assuming they meet the other requirements found in this document, including the *Well-Person Policy*. Upon returning to Children's Ministry, the child or volunteer who tested positive should continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days.
- f) If a child or volunteer has been quarantined from school, daycare, or another program, they may not attend children's programs or events until their quarantine has lifted or until they meet our requirements outlined in this document, whichever is longer.
- g) Any persons who enter children's areas and subsequently test positive for COVID during the following week agree to notify Grace of their positive test result. The church will communicate to the volunteers and parents of children who were in the same room. Personal information will be held strictly confidential.

2. Parental and Volunteer Protocols.

- a) Masks are optional and at the discretion of the parent or volunteer.
- b) Frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged.
- c) Volunteer-to-child ratios will be followed according to the Grace Kidz handbook. Small group time may be utilized.
- d) Families may be asked to preregister for each week of class. Late registrants may not be able to attend due to number of registrations, space limitations, or lack of volunteers. Although we will strive to ensure that all preregistered children are able to attend, it may be necessary to adjust the number of children who may attend, even at the last minute.
- e) Snacks may be given. Not all rooms will give snacks during all hours.

3. Facility Protocols.

- a) Volunteers will clean and disinfect the equipment, toys, and surfaces after each use and as often as needed. Cloth items will be collected and laundered after each program or event.
- b) In the case of a positive COVID test result, the children's classroom will be closed until the room, equipment, and toys can be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
- c) Rooms may be cleared of toys and equipment to minimize touchpoints.



Well-Person Policy

Guidelines if you or your child might not be feeling well.

We know that you look forward to worshipping and serving God with your church family. And we understand illness can come on quickly and often at the worst times! However, we must consider all the children, volunteers, and their families in our programs. No one wants to come to church and get sick!

Therefore, we cannot allow a child or volunteer to participate in our programs if they have:

Cold and flu symptoms including colored nasal discharge or congestion, cough, or frequent sneezing.

Sore throat or when the back of the throat looks red or has white spots.

Stomachache/Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea within the past 24 hours.

Fever greater than 100.4° within the past 24 hours, without medication, or chills

New loss of taste or smell

Headache, body or muscle aches

Unexplained fatigue

Shortness of breath or trouble breathing

On Antibiotics, unless they have been on the antibiotics for at least 24 hours by the beginning of our program.

Rash and skin infections of any kind without a doctor's okay.

Eye infections until there is no more discharge.

Lice until it has been properly treated.

Any other communicable disease.

If a volunteer or child has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 5 days or is awaiting test results, they should not attend in-person services, programs, or events.

If still in doubt, ask yourself, "How would I feel if another parent brought their child with these symptoms?"

If your child becomes ill while in our care, he or she will be separated from the other children and you will be notified immediately to pick them up.

All open wounds must be covered.

GraceKidz Staff cannot administer medication, unless it is an Epi-Pen in an emergency situation.