

General Guidelines for in-person bible classes (cradle roll through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
with COVID-19 restrictions in place

**Start Dates**

- 1.) Sunday AM Bible classes ONLY, beginning **Sun September 27<sup>th</sup>** (Rationale: this allows for 2.5 weeks after Katy ISD opens in-person classes to make sure that no obvious spikes occur before opening our classes.)
- 2.) Wednesday PM Bible classes to tentatively begin on **Wed October 21<sup>st</sup>** (Rationale: in keeping with the Elder's incremental approach to reopening, waiting a few more weeks to open Wednesday PM classes will help in adjusting to new procedures, etc.).

**Prior to Arrival:**

- 1.) Before arrival, parents should read through and reflect upon the self-screening health check list (page 3).
- 2.) Parents or children with a fever should not enter the education building.
- 3.) If child appears ill (runny nose, coughing, or rash), they shouldn't enter the education building.
- 4.) Only one parent (at a time) should drop off child at the classroom for appropriate ages.

**Traffic Patterns**

**Arrival and Drop-Off**

- 1.) All ages (and parents) should enter through the front education building door.
- 2.) After dropping children off, parents of children 18 months to Pre-K (downstairs classrooms) should exit through door by fellowship hall to prevent crossing of traffic.

**Release and Pick-Up**

- 1.) Child pick-up/ release will be staggered between upstairs and downstairs.
- 2.) Pick-up of children in the downstairs classrooms (18 months to Pre-K) will be at the first bell. Parents will again enter the education building door and exit the door by the fellowship hall with their children.
- 3.) Release of classes K-12 (upstairs classes) will be at the second bell.
- 4.) Children, ages K-12 (upstairs classes) should exit the same door that they entered.

**Social Distancing going to and in classroom:**

- 1.) Children are to be spaced out to maintain 6ft between children as much as possible in the hallways and classrooms.
- 2.) Classes that cannot accommodate for 6ft between children because of classroom size should be moved to larger rooms.
- 3.) Indication of 6ft spacing should be placed on classroom floors for other instructional purposes.

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**Mask requirements:**

- 1.) Teachers and parents that are dropping off their kids should wear masks or face shields inside education building.
- 2.) Masks/ face shields are not required for children below Kindergarten. Children older than Pre-K are encouraged to wear masks/ face shields at all times, including class.

**Rationale:**

- a. These ages are going to be required to wear face coverings at school and other public buildings.
  - b. Additionally, while though they may not be required to wear face coverings in the auditorium pews during worship, they will be sitting with their families at those times and not intermingling with other students (as is inevitable during class).
  - c. In keeping with Romans 14 principles, this will also provide opportunity for families who would like to send their children to Bible class but would not feel comfortable sending them should face coverings not be required/encouraged.
- 3.) The request for face coverings to be worn will be reevaluated regularly and will at some point in the future be lifted, based upon cues from local authorities.

**Class activities in the classrooms:**

- 1.) If snacks are used, the teacher/helper must make sure children don't share their food. (Snacks should only be prepackaged baggies; i.e. fruit snacks or animal crackers in a factory package.)
- 2.) Eliminate sharing stuffed animals, plush, or felt items to teach lesson.
- 3.) Minimize opportunities of touching flipcharts and getting them wet.

**Cleaning and Disinfection Efforts**

1. Cleaning will be done after bible class is over.
2. A cleaning group will handle cleaning chairs and tables.
3. Teachers will clean toys, cubbies, and other items in the classroom that were touched, as a separate cleaning crew will be unaware as to which items were used.
4. Hand sanitizer will be issued to each child by the teacher/helper on the way in and the way out of the classroom.

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**Self-screening Health Check prior to arrival:**

1. Have you or your child tested positive for COVID-19 or been diagnosed by a physician with COVID-19?
2. In the last 14 days, have you or your child had close contact (within 6 feet) with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
3. Do you, your child, or anyone in your household have any of the following symptoms? (fever of 100.00 or higher, dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, muscle aches, or diarrhea)
4. Did you or your child take any medication that reduces fever in the last 24 hours?
5. Have you or a household member been specifically directed or advised by a public health official to self-isolate, for a time period that includes today, due to a suspicion of exposure to or infection of COVID-19?
6. In the last 14 days, have you or a member of your household returned from travel on a cruise ship or to an international location?

**If the answer is yes to any of these questions, the child will not be able to attend class until free of symptoms.**

**Actions to be Taken if Positive Test for COVID-19 or Close Contact**

The church office shall be notified within 12 hours in the event:

1. Any student or family member has had close contact (within six feet) with someone testing positive for COVID-19
2. Any student or someone living in the same household tests positive for COVID-19

In the event of the above:

1. All parents will be notified by the church office.
2. A deep disinfecting cleaning will occur if someone tests positive for COVID-19 and classes will reopen as soon as determined appropriate.
3. A child who had a positive COVID-19 test can return to classes when they no longer have symptoms, have been fever free without the aid of medication for 72 hours, it has been 14 days since the onset of their symptoms, and they have tested negative for COVID-19.