

## IN-PERSON FORMATION GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Formation events should only take place if the leaders feel safe and have a clear plan of action to enforce the guidelines.

Leaders are advised to exercise good judgment in applying these guidelines.

**At this time nurseries are to remain closed.**

**Vacation Bible School guidelines will be released in May 2021.**

	SPECIFIC GUIDELINES	CHILDREN (primary school age)	YOUTH (middle/high school students)
<b>PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY</b>	All participants will wear face masks covering the <u>nose and mouth</u> for the duration of the event. If an individual is ill or has been exposed to someone with COVID they will be unable to participate for a period of at least 14 days from onset of illness/exposure.	✓	✓
<b>PHYSICAL CONTACT</b>	Physical distancing will be maintained at all times. No materials will be shared.	✓	✓
<b>PHYSICAL DISTANCING</b>	Six-foot social distancing between adults and children/youth is required. Three-foot social distancing is acceptable between children/youth providing that all other protocols are strictly followed. Leaders will need to <u>determine in advance</u> the number of participants that the space can safely accommodate. Visual spacing boundaries are strongly encouraged to assist participants in maintaining appropriate distancing.	✓	✓
<b>SANTIZATION</b>	Hand sanitizer stations will be readily available. Participants will sanitize their hands as they enter and exit the event.	✓	✓
<b>DURATION OF EVENT</b>	No more than 60 minutes	✓	✓
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGES</b>	No food or beverages will be consumed during the formation event	✓	✓
<b>LOCATION OF EVENT</b>	Outdoors is the preferred location for formation events. If the event takes place indoors, the number of participants will be limited by the social distancing spacing that the room can safely accommodate.	✓	✓
<b>SINGING</b>	Singing is only permitted outdoors and only while masked.	✓	✓
<b>SUPERVISION</b>	The number of safe church trained adult leaders present will be <u>increased by at least one additional leader</u> to help ensure that all safety protocols are observed.	✓	✓
<b>ADVANCE REGISTRATION</b>	Advance registration is needed to safely accommodate participants. Leaders will need to <u>determine in advance</u> the number of participants that the space can safely accommodate.	✓	✓
<b>AUTHORIZATIONS</b>	A permission slip/wellness agreement ( <a href="#">click here for form</a> ) signed by each child's parent/guardian must be obtained and kept on file for <u>each event</u> . The permission slip will acknowledge the specifics of the event, conditions for participation, as well as verification that the participant has not been ill for the previous 14 days.	✓	✓
<b>CONTACT TRACING</b>	The event leader will record the names and contact information for all participants at each formation event. This record shall be retained for contact tracing purposes.	✓	✓