



ELIOT UNITARIAN CHAPEL
Health & Safety Protocols for Children's Programs
Kindergarten-7th Grade
(Updated July 2022)

In addition to following any **Eliot-wide safety protocols**, the following protocols are in place to best ensure the health and safety of children at Eliot Chapel activities during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please note that all policies and protocols are subject to ongoing review as Covid-related circumstances change.

- **Vaccine Expectations for Staff & Volunteers:** All staff members and lay leaders (volunteers) who work directly with children or youth in-person are required to be vaccinated for Covid-19. Boosters are strongly encouraged for those eligible. Staff members are required to provide appropriate documentation as requested by the Director of Finance & Operations and/or Interim Lead Minister.
- **Vaccine Expectations (Congregation-wide):** It is the expectation of Eliot leadership that all individuals who are eligible to receive Covid vaccines will do so, including adult members, friends, staff, and children, prior to attending or participating in-person. Boosters are strongly recommended for those eligible.
- **Mask Expectations:** All children who are age two (2) and older are required to wear a mask at all times while indoors. All Eliot adults, including staff and volunteers, are required to wear a mask indoors as well. **These should be surgical masks, KN95 or N95 masks. Cloth masks are not permitted at this time.** Surgical masks for adults and children are available at the church. Masks are optional during outdoor activities (as of July 2022).
- All children, staff, and volunteers are expected to wash or sanitize their hands upon arrival at the Eliot Chapel. Hand Sanitizer will be available at the main entrances and located throughout Eliot Chapel.
- Whenever possible, children may be asked to socially distance during activities (three feet is the current [CDC guideline](#) for school classrooms). There may be times when this isn't feasible or possible.
- At this time (July 2022), food and drink will not be served in the Eliot facility. Small amounts of water will be available to children if needed. **Parents and caregivers are encouraged to send their children with their own water bottle.** Food and beverage may be served during outdoor or offsite activities.
- Parents and caregivers are expected to keep their child(ren) home when they are: sick; are showing possible symptoms of Covid-19 colds, or allergies; had close contact with a person with COVID-19; are awaiting test results; or tested positive for COVID-19. This expectation also applies to all adults in the Eliot community, including staff and volunteers who work with children and youth.

**This document was updated on July 14, 2022 and will be under continual review.*