

# The Table Kids Ministry Guidelines for Meeting with Covid Restrictions

## Groups/Classes

- **Nursery for kids under 3 each week**
  - Location: SoJ nursery
  - Kids under 3 not required to wear masks; 3 year olds should wear masks as much as possible
  - Children may be dropped off in the nursery prior to the worship gathering; a parent/caregiver will need to pick up the child from the nursery during Passing of the Peace (during our worship gathering)
- Alternating weeks: **4 years-4th grade Class** (younger kids class) and **5th-8th grade DNA** (older kids DNA)
  - Location: younger kids class will meet outdoors when the weather permits and in the fellowship hall for inclement weather/heat/cold; older kids DNA will meet in the classroom next to the nursery (or outdoors when worship is held outdoors)
  - Volunteers and kids will need to wear a mask
  - In order to support social distancing, kids will remain with families during the blessing of sending (=“The Lord be with you as you worship...”) and then proceed into the narthex to go to their class; kids will return to the worship gathering during the Passing of the Peace
  - The schedule will be communicated on our website (“In-Person Worship Gatherings” page) and via our weekly church newsletter

## General Practices:

- Masks will be worn by volunteers and kids 4 and over (3 year olds as much as possible)
- Volunteers and parents will need to include their information on the sign-up sheet, which will be available to fill out prior to our worship gathering; this will serve as a record of attendance in case there is a need for contact tracing.
- Screening: when Marion County is coded blue or yellow, the screening questions will be listed on the sign-up sheet with a request not to have kids attend kids ministry if the response is “yes”; when Marion County is coded orange or red, a designated person (most often Ryan or Andrea) will be present for class signups and verbally ask each family the screening questions.
  - Screening questions:
    - *Within the past 14 days, has anyone in your immediate family had any symptoms of COVID-19, including but not limited to cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4°F or more, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, the onset of loss of taste or smell (that are not attributable to a previously diagnosed health condition)?*
    - *Within the past 14 days, have you or anyone in your immediate family or anyone you have been in close contact with been diagnosed with COVID-19 or placed in quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19?*
- Hand hygiene process: volunteers and children over 2 should sanitize hands when “entering” the kids’ area
- Toy Sanitizing

- For kids in the nursery, toys/items for children will be brought by participating families. (A small bin of toys will also be available for shared use, and toys will be sanitized and put away each week.)
- Volunteers will put away or place out of reach any SoJ toys prior to children entering the room.
- Sanitizing guidelines from the Indiana Childcare guidelines can be found below.
- Social distancing: younger and older kids classes will practice social distancing as much as possible; the older kids class can spread out chairs in the classroom; the younger kids class will have access to fitness hoops so kids will know where to sit.
- Designated Covid liaison: Ryan and Andrea can be contacted for Covid-related concerns or to self-report symptoms or a confirmed Covid test
- Reporting system (self-reporting symptoms and notification): if self-reporting symptoms or a confirmed Covid test is necessary, contact Ryan or Andrea; they will utilize the signup sheet to contact anyone who was in class
- Note: no snacks or drinks will be consumed in kids classes/nursery cohorts for the present time

**Clean and Sanitize Toys:** Toys that cannot be cleaned and sanitized should not be used.

- Toys that children have placed in their mouths or that are otherwise contaminated by body secretions or excretions should be set aside until they are cleaned by hand by a person wearing gloves. Clean with water and detergent, rinse, sanitize with an EPA-registered product safe for food contact surfaces and air-dry or clean in a mechanical dishwasher. Be mindful of items more likely to be placed in a child’s mouth, like play food, dishes, and utensils.
- Machine washable cloth toys should be used by one individual at a time or should not be used at all. These toys should be laundered before being used by another child.
- Toys should not be shared among child care cohorts unless they are washed and sanitized before being moved from one cohort to the other.
- Set aside toys that need to be cleaned. Place in a dish pan with soapy water or put in a separate container marked for “soiled toys.” Keep dish pan and water out of reach from children to prevent risk of drowning. Washing with soapy water is the ideal method for cleaning. Try to have enough toys so that the toys can be rotated through cleanings. Smaller toys (e.g. building bricks, counting manipulatives, etc.) can be placed in a mesh lingerie/garment bag and put into a dishwasher or washing machine.
- Children’s books, like other paper-based materials such as mail or envelopes, are not considered a high risk for transmission and do not need additional cleaning or disinfection procedures.
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (art supplies, equipment etc. assigned to a single child) or limit use of supplies and equipment by one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between uses.
- Avoid sharing electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids when possible.

(Above from <https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/files/Updated-Child-Care-Guidance.pdf>)

## Resources

- CDC Guidance for Operating Childcare Programs  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>
- Childcare Guidance from IN.gov  
<https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/files/Updated-Child-Care-Guidance.pdf>
- Covid Response Plan from IN Spark Lab (from IN Childcare Guidance Resources)  
<http://indianaspark.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/COVID-19-Emergency-Response-Plan-Guide-and-Resource.pdf>
  - Guidance for Cleaning/Sanitizing/Screening from IN Spark Lab (above)
- IN.gov: Back to School Resources <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2400.htm>
  - IN DOE - <https://www.doe.in.gov/covid-19>
  - Indiana County Guidelines by Color:  
<https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Apr-6-to-Apr-30-Coronavirus-Response-Requirements.pdf>
  - CDC - Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility (including after a person reports being sick with Covid)  
[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Freopen-guidance.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Freopen-guidance.html)