

Children's Ministry Re-engagement Plan

Introduction:

The Children's Ministry at Trinity Baptist Church is so excited about seeing you and reconnecting with our wonderful children and their families. As we prepare for this first phase of our re-engagement plan, we have worked extremely hard to provide a safety plan with protocols that have been put in place and designed to help every parent and child feel safe upon your return to church. Please carefully read the material that is provided in its entirety to get a clear picture of what you can expect as you and your child re-connect with us for Sunday School.

Preparation of the Children's Facility:

- Restrooms will be cleaned before and after each ministry session
- Rugs have been removed from the classrooms
- Any rooms that will be used on Sunday mornings will be disinfected and sanitized after each use.

It is the responsibility of the facilities team to disinfect and sanitize the spaces and rooms used.

Staff Check-In Protocol:

- Prior to entering the children's building all children's staff (*children's staff* includes employed teachers and volunteers) will be screened by:

Temperature check



Visual health inspection of symptoms



Health questionnaire



- Children's staff will engage in healthy hand hygiene and wash hands frequently throughout ministry sessions
- Staff will be required to wear facemasks
- Gloves will be worn at specific times to provide extra safety
- Social distancing will be encouraged when possible



Registration and Check-in:

Families will register children during the week leading up to the coming Sunday. Registration will close on Thursday at 12pm to give staff time to assign children to classrooms and prepare supplies.

By nature, children have a difficult time (especially depending on their age) practicing social distancing, so we will strive to provide an element of social distancing by limiting the number of children per room.

Pre-registration:

To ensure adequate teachers and space, all children must be pre-registered each week for Sunday School. A weekly registration link will be sent out on Mondays to families via email. The link will also be available on Facebook, Instagram, and the church website. At this time, registration must be completed by a parent or guardian. Pre-registration is open Monday morning through Thursday at noon.



Drop-off, and Pick-Up:

Drop off for Sunday School will open at 8:50am. At this time, no parents will be allowed in the building. *Children ages 3 and above will be required to wear a mask.*

- Children will be dropped off in the front parking lot facing Mulberry Ave. We ask that parents drive up to the covered area. If you have a young child, please assist them in getting out of a car seat. If your child is old enough to let themselves out of the car, we ask that you remain in your vehicle.
- Children will have their temperature taken before entering the building. Their temperature should be below 100.4 degrees.
- By dropping off your child, you are confirming that the child has not been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, on fever reducing medication in the last 24 hours and does not have any TWO of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting for diarrhea.
- Please drop off kids by 9:15am. Children's leaders who help with check-in will be leading Zoom Sunday School.
- Please pick up children at the same location where you dropped them off.
- Sunday School is over at 10:00am. We ask that you pick up your child as quickly as possible. The CDC recommends that children only be in this space for a limited amount of time. Our teachers are volunteers and we want to respect them and make sure they are safe.
- If you need to pick up your child earlier than 10:00am please call 210-738-7779 so we can have your child ready to go.

A personal cellphone is required, and a parent must always be reachable in case of an emergency. Parents must respond to calls or texts from the Children's Ministry immediately.

Children will not be allowed to bring personal items (handbags, backpacks, tote bags, toys, blankets, etc.) into the children's building except for their Bible.

Entrance doors to the children's building will remain closed (or manned when opened) only allowing those who have been screened to enter.

During Ministry Sessions:

- Masks are required for children ages 3 and above
- No food or drinks will be allowed into the building and snacks will not be served during this phase.
- Water fountains will be turned off
- Handouts, crafts and art activities will be sent home in plastic baggies
- Social distancing will be encouraged when possible
- Supplies, markers and toys will be disinfected before, during, and after each ministry session. Supplies will be prepared based on the number of children registered.

The Safety Plan for the Children's Ministry will be updated frequently as we receive more information. We will be sure to let you know when changes have been made. Please be patient with us as we are trying our best to ensure your child's safety and the safety of our teachers. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please contact Debbie Potter at dpotter@trinitybaptist.org

Resources:

This plan has used resources and data from:

- The CDC
- Dr. Harold Brandt- Internal Medicine Doctor
- Lifeway
- North Carolina Baptist Convention
- Other Churches
- Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church Houston, First Baptist Church San Antonio, First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, Laurel Heights United Methodist Church, Park Cities Baptist Church Dallas, Park Hill Baptist Church San Antonio, South Main Baptist Church Houston, St. Johns Episcopal Church New Braunfels, Tallowood Baptist Church Houston, Wilshire Baptist Church Dallas, Woodland Baptist Church San Antonio, BT McAllen, First Baptist Church Marble Falls
- NSISD
- SAISD
- NEISD
- Alamo Heights ISD
- North Carolina Baptist Convention
- New Orleans JCC