



COVID Action Plan Vacation Bible School 2021

Christ Lutheran Church & Education Center
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This guidance document has been designed for use in conjunction with the overall policy of Christ Lutheran Church & Education Center and local public health directives. This document will be reviewed and modified as applicable when COVID-19 restrictions can be lifted and/or amended to reflect new advice as it is given.

While the focus of this policy is on maintaining healthy operational measures for children's and youth ministry at Christ Lutheran, please note that every effort will be made to uphold a welcoming and caring environment for our children, students, families, volunteers, and staff.

Though we will attempt to take proactive preventative measures to ensure safety and cleanliness, we acknowledge that risk of exposure is possible and may result in temporary dismissal or omission from ministry events. All public activities, including participation here at Christ Lutheran, remain at your own risk.

We strive to work closely with our families, Johnson County Health Department, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to safeguard and protect our children and youth as closely as possible, trusting ultimately in our Almighty God who guards our steps. We know that the Lord is our refuge and strength, an "ever present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

Protocol for Families:

For all families who have students participating in in-person studies and activities, we ask the following:

- Check the temperature of the participant before arriving at the gathering location.
 - If the fever is above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, please do not attend.
- Before arriving to the activity, please ask the questions on the CDC Covid-19 Screening. <https://www.cdc.gov/screening/paper-version.pdf>
 - If any YES answers, please stay home.
- Indoor Mask Requirements:
 - Preschool
 - Masks are to be worn in common spaces and times of transition. (CDC guidelines - ages 2 and up)
 - While in class, students may take off their mask and social distance as much as possible. If a parent has a desire for their student to wear their mask in the classroom, please inform the teacher.
 - Students must wear a mask while they are singing.
 - Grades K-12
 - While inside a building during a church sponsored event, (church, home, or other facility), masks must be worn.
- During the Large Group Opening and Closing, students will be masked and social distance to the best of our abilities.
- Outdoors, masks are optional, but not required.
- While in the church building, please do not freely roam throughout the building. Please follow signage and stay in designated areas.
- If a participant tests positive, or had direct contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19:
 - Please notify Korey Danley, Director of Next Generation Ministries (korey.danley@clcop.org)

immediately.

- The participant and members within the same household will be excluded from the remaining days of VBS and will be able to participate in the Virtual VBS option.
- In the event of a sick participant in our care, the participant will be moved to another room, and a family member will be called to pick the participant up immediately.

Protocol for Ministry Staff & Volunteers:

For all Children's & Youth Ministry Staff & Volunteers, we ask the following.

- Check your temperature before you arrive at church or the gathering location.
 - If the fever is above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, please do not attend.
- Before arriving to the activity, please ask the questions on the CDC Covid-19 Screening.
<https://www.cdc.gov/screening/paper-version.pdf>
 - If any YES answers, please stay home.
 - Notify your Ministry Lead immediately if you are unable to attend a gathering.
 - Korey Danley (913-912-0356)
 - Lyn Wolfe (913-284-8186)
 - Michelle Goldsby (620-877-7150)
 - Jena McElwain (913-244-9174)
 - While inside a building during a church sponsored event, (church, home, or other facility), masks must be worn.
 - Volunteers and staff who are presenting a lesson at a distance of 6 feet or greater may remove their mask for that time.
- Outdoors, masks are optional, but not required.
- While in the church building, please do not freely roam throughout the building. Please stay in designated areas.
- If a staff member, volunteer or a family member of a staff member or volunteer tests positive to Covid-19 or is direct contact with someone who tests positive to Covid-19:
 - Please notify your Ministry Lead immediately.
 - Korey Danley (913-912-0356)
 - Lyn Wolfe (913-284-8186)
 - Michelle Goldsby (620-877-7150)
 - Jena McElwain (913-244-9174)
 - The participant and members within the same household will be excluded from the remaining days of VBS Enforce the Protocol for Families (listed above) for all students in your care.

Protocol for Operations:

- Staff, Volunteers and participants will follow the above protocols.
- While inside a building during a church sponsored event, (church, home, or other facility), masks must be worn.
- Volunteers and staff who are presenting a lesson at a distance of 6 feet or greater may remove their mask.
- Outdoors, masks are optional, but not required.
- While in the church building, please do not freely roam throughout the building. Please stay in designated areas.
- Social distancing will be practiced to the best of our abilities.
- Staff & Volunteers will disinfect all rooms and supplies when finished with an area.
- Snacks will be provided by the VBS team. Students will be social distanced to the best of our abilities.
- Students will be screened at the beginning of each event by answering the CDC Covid-19 Screening questions.
- Physical touching, such as handshakes, high fives, hugs, etc. are not encouraged.

COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES:

Open communication with families, students, leaders, and staff regarding the enhancement and

seriousness of health and safety measures will be encouraged. New policies will be shared for everyone's information and so that all are aware of expectations. Our goal is to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible, as well staying clear of required quarantines.

We will make attempts to publicly display helpful reminders on our campus, so everyone understands that wellness and safety is our ultimate goal.

In the event of a positive CoVid-19 test on campus, Christ Lutheran Church & Education Center will follow the direction of the Johnson County Health Department in notifying families.