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# 2020-2021 FIRST CRC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROCESSES

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As we resume Children's Ministries at First CRC in 2020, many safety and health precautions have been amplified and new processes have been put into place to help ensure the safety of each child, family, and volunteer. These processes are outlined below.

Please read them and become familiar with them. This is a fluid plan and may change, with clear communication, as we move forward in this ministry year. Please pay close attention to emails that come from ministry leaders as specific information will be provided for each of Children's Ministries (Crown Town, Cadets, GEMS, and Jr. GEMS).

## ❖ Health & Self-Screening

- Please assess the health of your child before bringing him/her to church. We encourage you to temperature check your child and if a fever exists (100° or higher), please keep your child home. We reserve the right to temperature check your child with our no-touch thermometer if necessary.
- If your child exhibits any COVID symptoms (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea), please keep him/her home.
- In keeping with state recommendations, masks are currently required for all persons 8 years and older (without a medical condition that would allow otherwise) while in the building (and outside when not able to social distance).

## ❖ Cleaning & Sanitization

- The entire church has been sanitized and will continue to be on a regular basis. Dozens of spray bottles with safe, antibacterial, disinfecting solution are in each space and will be used regularly.
- Several sanitization stations will be set up in the Children's Ministry areas. We ask that each child thoroughly wash hands or use hand sanitizer before entering their classroom and again when exiting their classroom.

## ❖ Drop Off & Pick Up

- Parents of preschoolers, please take your child to the restroom before checking in to a classroom.
- A parent will drop off children in classrooms to lessen large groups gathering at the Check-In Booth. A name tag will be made available for your child in his/her classroom as well as his/her security pick-up tag. Pick up will also occur at your child's classroom.
- It is suggested that, when possible, only ONE parent/guardian drop off children to help with social distancing.
- ❖ Traffic Flow
  - To encourage social distancing, directional arrows will help the flow of traffic in hallways and in high traffic areas. Please watch for tape and signage as we all get used to this together.
  - Door 2 & 3 will likely be open to help with flow of traffic. When possible, these doors will be propped open and supervised to help create a contact-free environment.
- ❖ General Processes
  - We will lessen the numbers of students we have together at one time and whole group gatherings will not occur on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights.
  - Generally, children will only be together with same age peers during the ministry meeting time, lessening their exposure to many children at one time.
  - Windows will be open, when possible, and classes will even be held outdoors occasionally, as weather permits. Classrooms doors will remain open for better airflow/ventilation.
  - There will be no shared supplies. Each child will be provided a labeled bag with personal supplies for projects and activities. These bags will be sanitized after each use.
  - At this time, no snacks will be provided.
  - Ordinarily, parents are encouraged to be involved and present in our Children's Ministries, but at this time, unless you are a ministry volunteer, we ask that you not roam the Children's Ministry areas while ministries are in session. Please see the ministry leader or the security attendant if you have a need.

While we may not be able to return to Children's Ministry as we once knew it, the Gospel message that gets communicated during our time with your child(ren) does not change! We will continue to point kids to the one thing that is certain no matter what – that our good God is in control of everything! This we know, God can take all of our unknowns and do something really, really beautiful with them. We thank you for your understanding and continued partnership as we lean into God and His faithfulness in this 2020-2021 ministry year.