

LBC Kids Guidelines for 2021 Indoor Gathering

General guidelines:

It is our intention to love our families well by continuing to join them in the discipleship process of their children. We feel as though one of the best ways to accomplish this would be to continue to provide childcare and classes for children aged Newborn-5th grade. This would include the addition of the Awana program on Thursday evenings beginning in February.

****Please note:** Our plan is to provide an environment that is as safe and accessible as possible. This plan considers a range of factors that we believe are best for the entire church family at this time. We realize not all may feel comfortable with this plan and we will continue to serve you in the best way possible.

General Health:

We ask that volunteers and families please stay home if they are exhibiting the symptoms of any communicable illness. (Fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, etc.) This should be monitored and decided before coming to service.

Face Coverings:

Teachers and Helpers: Teachers and helpers will be asked to wear face coverings during the times that they are working closely with children. (e.g. holding babies, sitting next to a child, or in close proximity to a child) Teachers may teach without a face covering, but are asked to maintain at least six feet distance from the closest child. Teachers and helpers may take “mask breaks” when social distance can be maintained.

Children: Since there is a range of opinions about the wearing of masks, we will attempt to work with the following guidelines.

- Children age 2 and younger will not be expected to wear a mask.
- We will request that children age 3 and older bring a mask to wear.
- We will ask that children wear their mask when socializing closely. (e.g. walking to and from LBC Kids, working at a table where chairs are not set up socially distant, during an activity where children are close to one another)
- Mask breaks will be allowed when the children are sitting in chairs (six feet apart) listening to the lesson, and other times when social distance is maintained.
- We will do our best to help all of our children feel comfortable and loved. If a child struggles with anxiety from wearing a face covering, we will attempt to provide spaces where the child can feel comfortable to participate. (e.g. working at a table with a sibling only so the mask can be taken off.)

Cleanliness:

The building will be cleaned each week and will be used by the LBC family only.

- Teachers and helpers will be asked to utilize hand sanitizer.
- Personal hygiene practices will be encouraged among children.
- Surfaces will be wiped before and after use.

Check- In:

Parents should approach the check-in area upon arrival to register their children and receive the name tags. If possible, one parent is asked to accomplish this for the whole family so the check in area does not become congested.

Class Time:

Awana - All children should be taken to their classrooms upon arrival. Workers can direct you if you have any questions. For game time, the children will be asked to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after they play. Games will be adjusted to allow for less "touch points."

Nursery and Toddler (age 2) and Pre-K classes - These children may be taken to their rooms upon check-in.

Kindergarten through 3rd Grade - These children will join their family for the beginning of service and will be dismissed before the message

Toys: We will provide toys for nursery, toddler and preschool classes but on a smaller scale as all toys must be cleaned after use. Toys will be sprayed with a cleaning solution and/or wiped down. They will be left in an open area to dry and remain untouched for the week.

Toddler and Preschool classes will have individual bags of crayons with their name on it to be used each week. Any item that would be used by the children weekly will be personalized.

K-5 - Any items such as pencils, markers, or games may be used by the group. Children will be encouraged to practice hand hygiene and keep items out of their mouths. If misuse is observed, we will take an item and properly clean or dispose of it.

No snacks will be provided during LBC Kids. Parents may want to bring a snack for children to eat in the car if needed.

The above guidelines are designed to love all of our families as best as we can. At this time we believe that this is the best choice we can make for our church given all the factors involved. We are asking that our families choose to adhere to these guidelines in love for one another. Please encourage your children to do this as well.