

Detailed Classroom Covid-19 Protocols

Whitecourt Baptist Church wants to create a healthy and welcoming learning environment for all church family members. With an abundance of care for our young children and respect for all views regarding Covid, we have referenced the Government of Alberta's "Guidance for Preschool, Day Care and Out of School Care" as well as Northern Gateway Public School's "Back to School Plan" to create best practices within our classrooms. With everyone's help to follow these guidelines, we hope to ensure the health and well-being of students and volunteers within the Sunday School Ministry. Precautions surrounding the Covid-19 Pandemic are ever changing, as are the following protocols which may be adapted at any time.

Symptom Assessment

- If child exhibits any of the following symptoms, they may not attend Sunday School
 - Fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath (or difficulty breathing)
- If child exhibits symptoms during the Sunday School program:
 - the child should be isolated in the church office (with door closed and signage posted on door)
 - the parent should be retrieved from the service to take the child home
 - items touched by symptomatic child must be sanitized
- TEACHERS/HELPERS/HALL MONITORS: if you have any of the above symptoms, please stay home and make arrangements to switch with volunteers within your grade level or contact Dawnelle at 780-779-7925 to fill in.

Classroom Interaction

- Masks must be worn by all Nursery and Sunday School students as well as volunteers (aged 3 and older) at all times (unless medically exempt and/or have discussed options with church leadership)
- Best efforts will be made to maintain 2 meters distance while walking down halls, entering classrooms and within classrooms and at KIDSCHURCH
 - Young children in the Nursery require closer contact; best efforts will be made to space children and volunteers while balancing the child's need for assistance, interaction and comfort
- Students and volunteers will sanitize upon entering and exiting classroom
- To reduce the number of people within classrooms, visiting adults are not allowed in the classrooms at this time (visiting students are of course welcome with a completed registration form)
- When planning lessons, reduce close-contact activities and stick to games/activities that can be done while spaced

Supplies

- Food is not allowed in classrooms at this time
- Students are encouraged to use the individual "Supply Packs" to reduce material sharing (or are welcome to bring supplies from home to use)
- When possible, one person should sanitize and distribute papers, craft materials etc.
- Toys: when possible, apply Lysol disinfectant spray or wipe with Lysol wipes to sanitize items before sharing with a new child (especially if toys/items are "mouthed")

Washroom Guidelines

- Nursery and Pre-k: students are encouraged to use the bathroom with their parents before Sunday School begins (in an emergency, volunteers can assist while masked and while maintaining P2P protocols; being within view of another screened worker, with door propped open)
- Grade 1-6: students can go to the washroom one at a time, supervision not required

Sanitization Protocols

- Sanitizer: use sanitizer when entering or exiting the classroom as well as throughout the class time
- Lysol wipes: Additional Lysol wiping/disinfecting can be done whenever deemed necessary (i.e. a child sneezes onto the table)
- Best efforts will be made to disinfect high touch areas (i.e. light switches, door knobs) on a regular basis by the church janitor