

## **Covid -19 Guidelines for Ministry to Children (A child is defined as birth – 17 years of age)**

At Kiokee, we desire to be good stewards of the children and students God allows us to minister to each week (*Psalm 127:3; Matthew 19:14*) because one of our Core Values is Safety and Security. During COVID-19, we chose to be proactive and intentional in providing the safest and most secure environment for children of all ages at Kiokee, **but we are lifting restrictions. We are exceedingly grateful for all you have done to protect our children during this time. Thank you for your support.**

In order to facilitate ministry to children during the COVID-19 outbreak, we developed “best safe practices” based on recommendations from the Governor’s Executive Orders, CDC, Georgia Department of Public Health, and the American Academy of Pediatrics to mitigate risk of infection from COVID-19 in classroom settings. **As we transition out of the pandemic**, the following guidelines will be in effect for classes from birth-17 yrs. of age and are subject to change as new information is obtained from the CDC or the Georgia Department of Public Health. These guidelines will also be adhered to by those working with children at the church Pavilion, the 5:20 Building, the Homeschool Association and the Lily Ministry.

### **Health and Hygiene:**

-Please do not bring your children if they or anyone in your family has been directly exposed to COVID-19

-Please do not bring your children if they or anyone in your family are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever of 100 degrees or higher 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, diarrhea) or any other illness.

-Adults who meet the criteria for higher risk or severe illness as defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention **are still required to exercise caution.**

-There will be a condensed number of toys and resources in each room to limit the spread of germs.

**-Snacks/Meals will be served by a single leader/volunteer who is wearing gloves.**

### **Social Distancing:**

- Social Distancing for adult leaders/volunteers, **children**, and all parents of children always remains at 3.5 feet apart.
- Parents and adult leaders/volunteers are asked **to social distance** before the start of a ministry time or at the end of a ministry time.

### **Drop-Off and Pick-Up:**

- Volunteers will check children in for SS and give each family/child a nametag and security card.
- Unnecessary visitors such as extended family members or friends will be asked not to enter a Preschool, Children's, or Student Ministry area.
- Drop Off:
  - o Birth – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade parents should enter through...*we will have a map designating areas by age.*
- Pick Up:
  - o Preschool parents will pick up at the classroom
  - o 4 and 5-year olds will be picked up from the front double door entrance to A107
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be picked up at the entrance to the Chapel
- Please practice social distancing (**3.5 ft**) during drop off and pick up.
- Please help us by avoiding congregation in common areas inside.

## **Protocol for Exposure to Covid or Positive Cases of Covid:**

**We will notify families if there has been any exposure to Covid or possible case of Covid.**

### **Leader/Volunteer Agreement**

All leaders/volunteers serving will be asked to sign an agreement stating they will follow the Covid guidelines set by the church and will adhere to them to the best of their ability.

**If you have tested positive for Covid please quarantine for two weeks. If you have been exposed to Covid, please self-monitor for six to seven days and make sure you are showing no symptoms. If you have been fully vaccinated, you don't need to quarantine.**