

Modified Covid Policies and Procedures for Imago Dei Church Childcare

To prevent the spread of the virus, the following policies and procedures will be in place at Imago Dei Childcare during the Covid-19 pandemic:

Classroom Size

To encourage appropriate social distancing, the amount of children allowed in each classroom will be limited based on CDC recommendations. Those who intend to bring their child to childcare must pre-register through the Imago Dei Church website.

Drop-Off and Pick Up

- We ask that if possible, only one parent enter the childcare hallway and that the same parent perform both both pickup and drop off. Exemptions apply to those families who have multiple children where it is essential that both parents perform drop off and pick up.
- All children must wash their hands before entering the classroom and receive a squirt of hand sanitizer upon arrival.
- All children must be picked up immediately following communion to allow for the appropriate cleaning of the classrooms between services.

Diaper Changes

To reduce the potential risk for exposure, IDC will no longer change diapers unless it is a bowel movement or an extremely wet diaper. Parents should change their child immediately before drop off.

Limited Sharing

Each child's belongings must be labeled. To prevent accidental sharing, no food or drink will be allowed in the classroom except for in the infant room where baby bottles are permitted.

Face Coverings

In coherence with Imago Dei's Policies and Procedures, face coverings for volunteers and children are optional. They are however, highly encouraged for those individuals who are at a higher-risk for Covid-19.

Toys

- To minimize the items shared between groups of children, toys will not be stored in the classroom, but checked out and brought to the classroom prior to the start of the service. Separate bins of toys will be used for each service time. Toys will be picked up and cleaned after each service and stored in a room designated for cleaning and storage. All toys that can not be easily cleaned have been removed from the classroom.
- Volunteers will be asked to maintain awareness of children's behaviors in the classroom, remove toys and objects which become contaminated with oral and/or respiratory secretions when the child is finished with it, and place it in a bin to be thoroughly cleaned after the service.

Mixing of Groups

To limit the mixing of groups, children will remain in their classroom at all times unless they are taken to the restroom. At this time, all curriculum will be done in the classroom and there will be no large group time where classes come together. In some circumstances it will be acceptable for groups to go to the playground but no two groups should ever be on the playground equipment at the same time.

Intensified Cleaning Procedures

IDC has adopted policies for cleaning that adhere to the recommendations given by the NCDHHS Environmental Health Section guidance for cleaning and disinfection. These include cleaning classrooms in between services, prioritizing high-touch surface areas, and disinfecting toys in a way that protects children and adults from both surface contamination and exposure to products.