

## **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. Toys will be picked up and cleaned in between each service and stored in a room designated for cleaning and storage at the end of the morning session. 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.

## **FAQS**

### **Should I notify IDC if my child was exposed to or tested positive for Covid?**

If your child was exposed to Covid-19, starts experiencing symptoms, or receives a positive test within 48 hours of attending IDC Childcare, please notify the Director for Childcare and Kids Discipleship.

**What constitutes exposure to Covid-19?**

A person is considered to have been “exposed” to or in “close contact” of COVID-19 if they have been within 6 feet of an infected person (someone diagnosed with COVID-19) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period\* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

\* Individual exposures added together over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).

**Will IDC notify me if my child was exposed to Covid-19 during their time in childcare?**

If we have been made aware of a child or volunteer who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of and this individual served in or attending or serving in childcare, we will notify all volunteers and parents of children who were in the classroom with the individual.

**Will my child be required to quarantine after exposure to COVID-19?**

If your unvaccinated child has direct exposure to COVID-19, he/she must either quarantine (and not attend Imago Dei Childcare, Corporate Worship, or Special Events for either:

- 14 days OR
- 7 days have passed since the last date of exposure to COVID-19 AND No [symptoms](#) have developed during this time period AND The contact has a negative PCR or antigen-based test collected at least 5 days after the last date of exposure to COVID-19

**What if I served in childcare and was exposed to Covid-19?**

Volunteers should follow [CDC Quarantine Guidelines](#) as they apply to their specific situation.