

## In-Person Church School Guidelines

A lot has happened since our children and teachers last met in the classroom. As state restrictions are slowly being lifted, certain guidelines still need to be in place in order for our church school to safely meet in person. Although FCC also has guidelines for worshipping in the sanctuary, these guidelines are designed for the classroom setting. They are based on recommendations from the CDC for childcare facilities and schools.

Until further notice, all children will be meeting as one group in Pilgrim Hall for the duration of the whole worship service. This is to limit the access to other areas of the building and eliminate the use of shared spaces and surfaces such as classrooms, restrooms and desks. A new curriculum will be used to include ages 3-12 with age appropriate lessons and activities. We will continue to have the older youth engage with the younger ones in a safe manner. The Jr. Youth class will continue to meet via Zoom while the Confirmation class will be following a modified program. The hopes are to welcome the children in the sanctuary once a month for a Family Service. There will be no church school on these select Sundays.

### **Check-in and out procedure:**

- Children will be dropped off between 9:40 a.m. & 9:50 a.m. at the Pilgrim Hall door facing the parking lot. This is to give parents the time to get into the sanctuary by the 9:55 a.m. Prelude.
- A teacher or youth assistant will meet each child at the top of the stairs to take his/her temperature.
- The child will then use the hand sanitizing station before finding his/her family table to sit.
- Each child will be released to a parent at the same door after class and worship have concluded.
- Parents will remain outside the door for both drop off and pick up.

### **FCC will:**

- Provide an adequate supply of hand sanitizer and tissues in the classroom at all times.
- Require all teachers, youth assistants and children to wear masks at all times because social distancing could be a challenge at times.
- Encourage teachers and children to wash their hands with soap for 20 seconds after using the designated restroom.
- Sanitize frequently touched surfaces before and after class.
- Allow for adequate ventilation with fans and open windows, if possible.
- Ask teachers, youth assistants and children to stay home if feeling ill or have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Set up tables 6 ft. apart with one designated to each child or family.
- Provide a supply kit (including tissues and sanitizer) to each child or family to avoid sharing.
- Encourage each family to bring a bible from home if possible.
- Retrieve a parent from the sanctuary if a child becomes ill during class, so the child can be removed from the building.
- Notify parents by email if a person diagnosed with COVID-19 was in the presence of their child. Due to privacy concerns, FCC will not release the name of the person who tested positive.
- Prohibit singing until further notice.

**These guidelines will give us the opportunity to re-gather once again to provide our children with a nurturing faith experience. Be confident that the children's health and safety are our top priority along with continuing their faith journey together. Questions or concerns.... [nbabington@fccriveredge.org](mailto:nbabington@fccriveredge.org)**

COVID-19 Church School Guidelines

Family Consent Form

(one per family)

My family has been given the *In-Person Church School Guidelines* for the 2020-2021 Church School year.

I agree to:

- Keep my child home if he/she is feeling ill or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Be sure my child is wearing a mask.
- Be sure my child is comfortable with using hand sanitizer if necessary.
- Provide my child with a bible if available.

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I have read and agree to the *In-Person Church School Guidelines* and the points stated above.

Parent's Signature

Date

Please return this signed form to [nbabington@fccrivedge.org](mailto:nbabington@fccrivedge.org)