



WCAG KIDZWORLD MINISTRIES

Parent Guidelines & Information

for in-person ministry

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Dear Parents,

We are excited to begin the process of reopening the in-person ministry for our Kidz Ministries at WCAG. As we navigate this new and unpredictable season of ministry, we ask that you would help us, in every way possible, to provide a safe environment for our kidz and leaders.

Please take a few moments to read the policies, procedures, and information contained in this booklet. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Laura Schnitker, our Early Childhood Director. We hope that together we can make this difficult season as normal as possible for our kids, while adhering to the standards set forth by the CDC, St. Louis County, and WCAG Leadership.

We know that even though some families are ready to return, there will be several families that are hesitant. We will continue our weekly Sunday Kidz Ministry online for all ages and Wednesday Night Ministry online for our Early Childhood Ministries. We will also continue to rotate both online and in-person activities in order to meet all needs of ministry and connection during this time.

We pray that this season, even in its difficulties, will be a time that our kidz and entire church family grow deeper and experience a fullness in our relationship with God.

In Christ,

Pastor Tina

Rev. Tina Allen
Children's Pastor

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KIDZWORLD MINISTRIES OPENING

At this time, we will be opening the following ministries in the stated locations:

Sunday Mornings (10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.)

KidzWorld Ministry:	Ages:	Location:
Babies & Toddler Kidz Church	0-2 Years Old	Nursery #2 (Middle Room)
Preschool Kidz Church	3-5 Years Old	Nursery #3 (Last Room)
Elementary Kidz Church	K-5th Grade	Kidz Chapel

Wednesday Evenings (7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.)

KidzWorld Ministry:	Ages:	Location:
Mpact Girls	K-5th Grade	Kidz Chapel (& Outdoors)
Royal Ranger Boys	K-5th Grade	Gym (& Outdoors)

At this time, we will not be opening the Early Childhood Ministries on Wednesday evenings.

Please note the following...

- ♦ **We will have what is known as two “Bubble Groups”** - Early Childhood Ministries & Elementary Ministries. If there has been a confirmed case of Covid19 from a child or an adult leader in a Bubble Group, in person meeting of that Bubble group will be suspended for two weeks and parents will be notified of the exposure and the online plans to continue ministry during that time. If a family has a child in both Bubble Groups and one child tests positive, both Bubble Groups will suspend in person meeting for two weeks and parents will be notified of the exposure and the online plans to continue ministry during that time. (At the time of notification to parents, we will not disclose the name of the child or adult leader who is Covid positive but will let you know if your child was in the same classroom.) If we have multiple cases arise, we will suspend the entire in person Kidz Ministry until WCAG leadership feels it is safe to reopen.
- ♦ **Class Cancelation** - We are thankful God is providing a small core group of our amazing men and women to lead these ministries at this time. If a Leader is unable to attend a class due to sickness or an unexpected personal commitment, and a substitute is unable to be found, we will post class cancelations at the Check-in Station in the foyer (and work to notify you as soon as possible prior to the service/ministry time through email.) As you see these leaders, please thank them for the commitment to speaking God’s truth into our kidz.
- ♦ **Covid Notification** - We would ask that you please notify us quickly if your child or family contracts Covid19. First, so we can pray for you and can help your family during the time of sickness. Second, so we can take steps to contact families and the Bubble(s) affected. Again, your name(s) will be kept confidential during all communication. Contact: Pastor Tina (314) 686-1485 or Laura Schnitker (314) 574-8910.

HEALTH EXPECTATIONS

We ask that all of our kids and leaders not attend Kidz Church Services/Events if they (or anyone in their immediate family) have any of the following symptoms:

- ◆ Fever of 100.0 degrees
- ◆ Cough
- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Sore Throat
- ◆ Diarrhea
- ◆ Headache
- ◆ Loss of Sense or Smell
- ◆ Rash on Skin
- ◆ Abdominal Pain
- ◆ Constant Sneezing/Running Nose

**** If your child or immediate family has been in physical contact with someone with Covid19, we ask that your child would refrain from attending any Kidz Church Services/Events for two weeks.***

***** If illness is detected at church, we will separate the sick child from others and contact parents immediately. We will then disinfect any areas touched by the child in the classroom.***

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

The following will be our new check-in and check-out process during this season:

- ◆ Check-in will begin 15 minutes prior to service beginning and close 15 minutes after the service begins.
After close of check-in, your child will not be able to participate in that day/evening's Kidz ministries.
- ◆ Parents, please wear a mask while inside the building especially during the check-in/check-out process and drop-off/pick-up of child(ren) from classrooms.
- ◆ For now, check-in will consists of two stages:
 1. Health Screening (at a table prior to the Children's Check-in kiosk):
 - You will be asked if your child has any of the above list of symptoms (see Health Request).
 - A no-contact temperature reading will be taken.
 - After your child is cleared at this station, the volunteer will give you a sticker to place on your child's attendance tag at the next station.
 - You will then proceed to the Attendance Check-in station
 2. Attendance Check-in: (at the Children's Check-in kiosk)
 - After the Health Screening, you will come to this station and a volunteer will print your child's attendance tag for you.
 - After you are handed the tag, please place your child's wellness sticker on it and place the tag on your child's shirt.

CLASSROOM DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

We ask that all parents follow these procedures at pick-up:

- ◆ After Check-in is complete, we will require one parent to walk their child to their classroom drop-off location and make sure their Leader receives them into the classroom. (*Early childhood parents please be sure to take your designated pager.*)
- ◆ Please do not enter the classroom.
- ◆ Please practice social distancing when waiting to drop-off and pick-up
- ◆ At Check-out, please have your security tag ready and pick up your child at his/her classroom pick-up off location. Please exit quickly to help check-out flow smoothly.

Sunday Mornings

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Preschool Kidz Church	3-5 Years Old	Nursery #3 (Last Room)
Elementary Kidz Church	K-5th Grade	Kidz Chapel Entrance; Kidz Chapel Welcome Center & Exit Door

Wednesday Evenings

KidzWorld Ministry:	Ages:	Drop-off & Pick-up Location:
Mpact Girls	K-5th Grade	Kidz Chapel Entrance; Kidz Chapel Welcome Center & Exit Door
Royal Ranger Boys	K-5th Grade	Enter Gym Door #1 & Exit Gym Door #2

PREVENTING THE SPREAD

We are implement/continuing to do the following to prevent the spread of illness in our Kidz Ministries:

- ◆ All Classrooms, hallways and restrooms are disinfected each week before services following CDC guidelines.
- ◆ Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be located in each classroom. Hand washing and sanitizing will be enforced after emergency bathroom breaks.
- ◆ We are asking all parents to make sure their child's diaper is changed and/or their child uses the restroom prior to drop-off to help assist us. (*see social distancing strategies for more detail*)
- ◆ No snacks/drinks will be provided in any class at this time (Nursery through 5th Grade). Please be sure kidz are hydrated and have had a snack prior to drop off.
- ◆ All toys and items that ECM children have placed in their mouths or have used will be placed in a designated bin until they are cleaned and sanitized.

SOCIAL DISTANCING STRATEGIES

We are practicing the following social distancing strategies in our ministry areas:

Early Childhood Ministries

- ◆ Our Early Childhood Ministry children should not wear masks due to increased risks of suffocation and strangulation. *(Leaders will be required to wear masks)*
- ◆ Please make sure your child has used the restroom or had their diaper changed prior to coming into the classroom. Diapers will not be changed by our ECM Leaders during this season. Parents will be paged and asked to change emergency diapers.

Elementary Ministries

- ◆ Our Elementary Ministry kids will be required to wear a mask when indoor the church facility. We ask that their mask be attached to a lanyard to assist with keeping them with the right child at all times.
- ◆ All Elementary Children will sit in socially distanced areas designated by the leader.
- ◆ Leaders will wear masks when indoor the church facility. (Teacher may remove mask when teaching the lesson from at least 6+ feet away from the children.)
- ◆ We ask that your child use restrooms prior to entering classroom to help assist our leaders.