

St. Philip's Youth Group Covid-19 Protocol 2020-2021

Goal: To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in season and out of season while keeping the youth confident, safe, and worry free about coming to youth group to worship the Lord.

Our main focus is always our main focus, which is to preach the Gospel and keep your children safe spiritually and physically. We will be using these new protocols until we are given the order not to by our rector and the government. We ask that everyone who is planning on attending youth group this year to please follow all our protocols so that we can continue the good work of the Gospel.

Masks Are Required At Youth Group

Carpool: Drop-off

- Please drop your child off on Church Street by the entrance of Church and Cumberland between 6pm-6:20pm.
- Please wait until they are cleared to head in the building.
- They should maintain social distancing as much as possible while entering through the gate.
- We will have a Covid screening table set up in the portico. This table will be run by one of our trained leaders. The children will have to get a temperature check and answer some questions before they are allowed to enter the building.
- If cleared they must sanitize their hands and then they are free to head up stairs and enter the building.
- **If your child is running a fever or is showing any of the symptoms we will have them head back to their car. If they carpooled with other kids the whole group will be asked to leave together* You can also help us by asking your children the Covid screening questions and checking their temperature before you bring them to youth group and if they are not feeling well please respect others and keep them at home.*

Carpool: Pick-up

- Please pick your child up on Church St. Our trained staff will escort the kids down stairs to the street at 8pm.
- They should keep their masks on until they are in their car.
- We will have the kids stagger out in small groups to avoid a mass exit. Please be patient sometimes you might have to wait for your child's group to be released.

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Evening Protocols:

- Once the kids enter the building they will be asked to head into the main parish hall where they will put their cell phones in the phone basket and sanitize their hands.
- We will have the kids come into the parish hall to socialize and play games.
- The youth room will be open and one volunteer leader will be in there to monitor the room. Only ten people will be allowed in at a time to play ping pong, pool, or sit socially distanced to talk and hang out. When they are through with their game we will have them Clorox wipe the equipment that is used.
- We will set up chairs 6 ft. apart for our bible study and worship portion of the evening. We will not sing but will relax and listen to a song of praise.
- If we have a group that is larger than 40 kids we will split the group in two and do stations. One group will go to the chapel for bible study, prayer, and worship, while the other group plays games. Then we will switch half way through the evening.
- We will have sanitizer stations that the kids can use throughout the evening
- There will not be access to the water fountain so if your child is thirsty send them with their own water bottle.
- There will be no meals this year so that we can keep our masks on for the whole 2 hr. session.
- Upon leaving for the night the kids will sanitize, grab their cell phone, and our trained leadership team will escort them to the street in small groups to avoid a mass exit. Masks must remain on until they are in their cars.
- After the kids leave for the night the staff will organize, sweep, and disinfect all the areas that our youth group have been in contact with. Chairs, doors, railings, etc.

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On Behalf of St. Philip's Church and our volunteer youth staff we want to encourage you to be proactive in following all the protocols and encouraged to join us for worship! We ask you to join us in covering each and every child, our leadership team, the building, and all aspects of this new season of youth group in deep prayer!

*"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."
James 5:16*

If you have any questions or concerns please call or contact David Gilbert or Sarah Silcox.

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In Christ,

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& The Volunteer Leadership Team

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Youth Group Student Covid Screening Questions

Ask all youth/leaders these questions when they attend youth group.

Take their temperature as they come up to the table

1. Are you currently experiencing, or have you experienced in the past 14 days, any of the following symptoms?
 - Fever (100.4 or greater)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Chills
 - Head or muscle aches
 - Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting
 - Have you taken any fever reducing medicine in the past 4-8 hrs.
2. In the past 14 days, have you been in close proximity with an individual diagnosed with Covid?
3. In the past 14 days, have you been on a commercial flight or traveled outside of the United States?

If a youth answers YES to question 1: (if they answered yes to fever reducing meds ask them how long ago they took them and take their temp again later in the evening if they are not showing any symptoms.)

- Students/leaders who appear to have symptoms upon arrival at youth group or who become sick during the evening should immediately be separated from others and sent home with instructions and guidance on how to follow up with their health care professional.
- Sick Students should follow the CDC-recommended steps. Student should not return to youth group until all the criteria to discontinue home isolation are met, in consultation with their health care provider

If the youth answers YES to question 2:

- The Student/leader is not permitted at camp and should self-quarantine at home for 14 days following close contact with the Covid-19 positive person.

If the youth answers YES to question 3:

- The student is not permitted at youth group and should self-quarantine at home for 14 days