

General 2021 COVID LBH Plans

At the heart of the plans for LBH in 2021 is running the programming at the parishes. The Love Begins Here team will lead on the ground programming and will stay on site for each mission. The missionaries on LBH are middle and high school youth, and with instruction and good supervision, they should be able to maintain good social distancing practices for their time at LBH.

- Lead Missionary training will emphasize all new **COVID related precautions** and changes.
- More Lead Missionaries than strictly needed are encouraged, to make **car/work groups smaller**.
- Lead Missionaries who are in high-risk categories or care for those in high-risk categories will be encouraged not to attend LBH.
- If parents serve as Lead Missionaries, their kids will ideally be in their car/work groups.
- **Car/work groups must be the same for the entire week.**
- All games/icebreakers will be ones that can be played while maintaining **social distancing**.
- Afternoon fun and ice cream outings should not require additional time in vehicles.
- Parish based portions of the day should occur in **large, open spaces** when possible — large meeting rooms, cafeterias, main Church, outdoors, etc.
- **Clean often-touched surfaces** and common areas before and after missionaries are on parish grounds each day.
- Parishes should have well stocked bathrooms/kitchen hand wash stations with plenty of soap and paper towels.
- Love Begins Here will provide hand sanitizer at entrances or in high traffic areas, and plenty of disinfectant for cleaning.

Health Check In Plans

- Implement a **health check in protocol** (created with a health professional) for the first day of Love Begins Here that all parishes will use that includes temperature check, and questions regarding symptoms, exposure, and travel.
- **A parent or legal guardian must be present at drop off the first night for this health check in.**
- It is recommended that parishes have a health professional (parent nurse or doctor or nurse from parish community) assist with health check ins.
- The first night orientation from the Core Team will include teaching about social distancing, hand washing, and being aware of how you are feeling.

Food Handling Plans

- Those involved with food preparation must follow all general COVID related LBH plans and modifications.
- **All food** - including snacks and meals - should **not be served communally**, buffet, or family style.
- **For snacks**, preference should be given to **pre-packed options** in individual servings.
- Arrangements should be made for **socially distant eating**, with individuals 6 feet apart.

2021 COVID-19 Work Site Plans

Our work order forms will include these additional rules printed on them.

- **No indoor work at homes.**
- Outdoor work is encouraged, at homes, cemeteries, community organizations, parishes, etc.
- Easily accessible public restrooms should be near enough for a mid-afternoon break.
- At least **6 feet of space** must be maintained between missionaries and those we serve.
- **6 feet of space** between missionaries should be possible while serving.
- Job sites should involve minimal travel time in vehicles, with **a maximum of 15 minutes in either direction**.

- Clorox wipes or disinfectant and paper towels should be taken to all work sites, to clean tools between participants' use. Dish soap and warm water would be another alternative.
- Missionaries must bring their own work gloves. They should sanitize them each day or alternate between pairs every other day.
- Each car group should be sent out with hand sanitizer, to be used between changing tools.

2021 Work Site Ideas

- For individuals, organizations, or parishes:
 - Weeding, gardening, outdoor painting/staining, spreading mulch, raking, outdoor window washing, washing patio furniture, cleaning a garage, sweeping, etc.
 - Outdoor work at nursing homes, botanical gardens, food pantries.
- For ideas to fill in when work is done early:
 - Working in cemeteries (clean head stones)
 - Work around host parish or school

*COVID 19 precautions.