



## **Apostles Children's Ministry Nursery COVID Safety Procedures**

**Our default safety protocol will be to follow the latest public health guidelines. As those change, we may also change our protocols.**

**If you feel sick or someone you live with is unwell in any way, especially if you have a temperature of 99.8 or above, please stay home and join us online.**

### **WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH:**

1. Children will enter and exit the building through our main entrance on the first floor with their families.
2. Parents/guardians will answer the wellness questions upon check-in for these children.
3. All adult volunteers and youth assistants, ages 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up, are always to wear a mask/face covering when in the building.
  - We will provide disposable masks if you do not have one.
  - Use hand sanitizer to clean hands when entering and exiting each space.
4. Mask usage by children in 5th grade and younger
  - is at the discretion of their parents.
  - We will provide disposable masks if you would like one.
5. Children will use hand sanitizing stations when entering and exiting each space.

### **WHEN CHECKING CHILD(REN) IN AT THE NURSERY:**

1. **BEFORE CHECK-IN: PLEASE BE SURE POTTY-TRAINED CHILD(REN) USE THE RESTROOM**
2. We are finalizing bathroom use, but the plan is to ask parents to assist their kids with using the restroom (we will get them out of the service). This will ensure hand washing
3. Check-in will take place at the nursery door in the front of the main lobby
4. Upon check-in the parents will place their child(ren)'s name(s) on the attendance roster
5. Parent and child(ren) will receive matching security numbers
6. Details for this process will be the same as they have in the past and the steps for this process are posted on the wall at the registration table.
7. Infants 18 months and younger will be setup in room 102, a side room, while the other kids will remain in the main nursery play space.
8. The children will be provided hand sanitizer several times during their time in the nursery.
9. Each room will have a "used toy" bin where any toy that is used by a child is put into the bin and therefore out of use for the remainder of the morning.
10. Children will be provided individually packaged gluten-free, nut-free snack items.

## **WHEN PICKING CHILDREN UP FROM THE NURSERY:**

1. When the children are picked up from the nursery, they will be provided hand sanitizer one more time before leaving.
2. The parent will need the matching security number to pick up their child(ren).

## **CLEANING UP DURING THE NURSERY TIME:**

1. They will spray and wipe down the big nursery fixtures (slides....).
2. We are also looking at using one childcare worker to do a quick spray and wipe down after children use the restroom). (Should Parents do this. Should it be in the kid's bathroom stall?)

## **CLEANING UP AT THE END OF THE SERVICE:**

1. Using e-water and paper towels, the nursery team will clean all toys and then set aside to "quarantine until the next service".
2. They will also spray and wipe down the big nursery fixtures (slides....).

At this time, the anticipation a small number of 3 to 5 children will participate in the nursery at each service. With 3-4 nursery workers at each service, we are almost able to offer 1-1 coverage which should reduce spread between kids.

We will also be very watchful for children showing possible symptoms – which can be cold symptoms - and adhere to our wellness policy found on page 4 of our Apostles Children's Ministry Policies & Procedures Handbook (version 1.2). Any child showing symptoms will result in their parent picking them up and isolating in the other nursery.