



HNW Gathering Guidelines

Keep Our Campus Healthy

The following general precautions will be observed across the HNW campus.

Masks: Masks are required for everyone ages 10+. There may be some exceptions for teachers or leaders in certain settings. Masks may be removed in the Worship Center during the sermon.

Social Distancing: Social distancing of at least 6 feet should be observed in all common areas, classrooms and in the Worship Center. We will determine occupancy for spaces based on a minimum of 36 square feet per person.

High-Risk Individuals: All individuals who fall within the high-risk groups as defined by the CDC are encouraged to stay home and worship online.

Touchless Greeting: Attendees should practice touchless greeting (no handshakes or hugs).

Hand Sanitizing Stations: Hand sanitizing stations are located at entrances to our buildings and throughout the campus.

Hand-to-Hand Items: No items will be passed among attendees at Houston Northwest Church, including offering baskets, print materials or other worship items.

Coffee/Drinks: Coffee service is currently unavailable and water fountains will be closed. Feel free to bring your own coffee/drink.

Sanitization: All touched surfaces will be sanitized between our worship services and gathering times.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICES FOR KIDS MINISTRY

All General Precautions: Unless otherwise stated below, all general campus precautions apply.

Masks: Masks will be required for all staff, volunteers and children ages 10+. A mask is recommended, but not required, for children ages 3-9. Children ages 2 and under should not wear a mask.

Temperature: Everyone entering the kids' area will have their temperature taken upon arrival. This includes childcare workers, children and guardians.

Reservation/Check-In: Children's classes are available by reservation only. One parent will be allowed to drop off and pick up child. Parent and child tags will be pre-printed and available alphabetically at tables just outside the kids' area for check-in.

Set Up: Classrooms will be pre-set as appropriate for age in accordance with the social distancing protocols. Preschool and kids' ministry will operate on an adjusted schedule to accommodate social distancing (e.g., music/worship will take place in individual classrooms, outdoor playground only, etc.)

Sanitization: Anyone entering the kids' area must use appropriate hand sanitization measures upon arrival. All program space including classrooms and common areas will be sanitized before and after use.

Food: Food cannot be brought into the kids' area unless it is medically necessary for the child. Bottles provided by guardians will be allowed. Water will be provided as needed within the classroom. Water fountains within the kid's area will be closed.

Class Materials: Individually used items like paper, glue sticks and markers will be provided for each student in each class session. Items will be sanitized before the next use.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICES FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

All General Precautions: Unless otherwise stated below, all general campus precautions apply.

Check-In: Each student and adult will check in when they enter the Student Ministry area. Guests will provide basic information to be followed up with by the Student Ministry staff.

Set-Up: The Student Ministry spaces will provide appropriate social distancing measures.

Sanitization: Anyone entering the Student Ministry area must use appropriate hand sanitization measures upon arrival. All program space will be cleaned and sanitized before and after use.

Food: No food should be brought into the Student Ministry area.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICES FOR ADULT GROUPS/CLASSES

All General Precautions: Unless otherwise stated below, all general campus precautions apply.

Set Up: Classrooms will be arranged or marked to encourage social distancing between parties.

Attendance: Classes will be encouraged to take attendance through Church Community Builder. Guest contact information should be completed via the Connect Card available on the app and through CCB.

Online Accommodations: Each classroom leader is encouraged to identify a class member who is willing to provide a laptop and Zoom access (or other similar screen-sharing app) for those who prefer an online option.

Food: No food should be served in classrooms.