

HILL CITY KIDS COVID-19 PLAN

Creating a safe and fun environment has always been one of the cornerstones of our ministry. Aside from continuing to have clean environments and background checked volunteers, we will also commit to putting these standards in place to reduce the transmission of Covid-19 using the suggestions of our local school districts and CDC guidelines.

WHAT YOU CAN COUNT ON FROM US:

All of our volunteers will self-assess before coming to serve. Walking through our family ministry doors means they commit to being fever free and have no signs of illness or exposure.

Our volunteers from our greeters, check-in teams, to small group leaders and assistants in our rooms, will wear masks.

We will sanitize the check-in areas between families/guests.

50% capacity in our rooms means we will have 7 in the Garden (babies), 8 in each of our Park rooms (toddlers), and 8 in each of our Treehouse rooms (4's/5's). There will be 5 in each small group in the Campground. This means we may have to close rooms when they reach capacity. There will be a cap of 15 students in Rise. An RSVP system will be used to help us navigate numbers.

We will provide and encourage the use of our hand sanitizer stations upon entering and exiting our children's environments.

We will continue to sanitize our toys, but also provide another set of toys at the beginning of each service and remove the former set just used.

We will social distance when possible. For elementary this means sit spots in small group and large group. For youth it's providing more seating and asking them to social distance. For preschoolers (our babies, toddlers, and 4/5 year olds) we feel like this actually does more harm than good. If a child is upset due to separation anxiety, or pain, or is just sad, we do commit to hugging and loving on them, "as well as changing their diapers when they are soiled because a clean bum is a happy bum!

While we will not initiate hugs, we will definitely receive them! We just cannot in good faith tell a child no if they initiate a hug. We will also work on making elbow dabs and foot-5's all the rage.

There will be no food/drinks in our rooms aside from the Garden (our babies) so that they can continue to be cared for in the best way possible.

WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR US:

Please have elementary aged children and older wear masks.

Do not bring any children that are sick or have family members in the home sick. Any child that is with us that appears to be not feeling well will have a parent contacted to return home. Please also stay home if you question you've been exposed to Covid-19.

Please try to keep all belongings at home unless it's a diaper bag or coat.

Encourage your children to use fist pounds, elbow taps, or foot-5's with our leaders.

Please make sure they have gone to the bathroom before they are in our care. We will continue to do potty breaks in emergencies, but the less we move around the building also limits exposure.

Let us know if anyone tests positive. That way we can inform our families and volunteers quickly to limit spread.