

# BSCC Children's Ministry Reopening

## Volunteers

Training: we will provide a training event for our volunteers to discuss the plan and procedures for reopening:

Facemasks: Facemasks will be worn by ALL volunteers, the entire time.

## Service

Limited capacity: To promote social distancing, we will have limited spots for children's classes. This number will be decided according to volunteers and space. Parents will sign their children up online to guarantee them a spot.

No leaving the class: Children will not be given bathroom or drink breaks (See "Parent's Responsibilities" for more information).

## Cleaning procedures

Products: We will use products approved by the CDC ([CDC cleaning and disinfecting procedure](#))

- Hard surfaces will be washed with soap and water, then cleaned with disinfectant. Areas include door handles and shelves/countertops.
- Disinfectant sprays will be used on all hard surfaces (after washed with soap water), all toys, tents, supplies, props, and carpet squares that are used.
  - [CDC list for cleaning agents that fight against SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- All cleaning supplies will be out of reach of the children:
  - Nursery: The middle, unused room (That will remain locked during service time)
  - Preschool – Preteen: The top cabinets in the kitchen above the Kuerig.

Who will clean:

- Volunteers will be responsible for cleaning their classroom/area after service

## Class/Facility information

Doors/entryways: All doors and entryways will have doors propped open before service. Doors will be closed by the volunteers after class starts for the children's safety (reference our Safety policy and procedures).

Hand Sanitizer: Stations will be placed at the doorways of every classroom/worship room.

Toys: Preschool through preteen are not allowed to bring anything into the children's building. The only item that they can bring with them is a bible.

Classrooms: Information will vary on classroom location, and age group:

- Nursery: Only one room will be used
- Preschool:
  - Younger and Older Preschool will be combined in the Student building
  - They will move to B115
  - The classroom will have limited toys
  - Snacks will be prepackaged, and water will be given in small water bottles
- Elementary: Will meet in the same room, as usual.
- Preteens: Will meet in the same room as usual.

## **Check-in**

Registration: is required each week for all children participating in Children's Ministry. Registration will be available on the BSCC On Campus Services webpage each Tuesday afternoon. Once registration is full, no additional children will be allowed to register.

Checking children in: Children will be registered online, ahead of time. We will have their name tag's printed and ready for them at their classroom/small groups. Any tag's left over will be removed from the attendance sheets on Monday (to provide accurate data for who has attended).

Checking temperatures: There will be two temperature check stations for families to go to. Children will have their temperature checked and if their temperature is over [100.4 degrees](#), they will need to go home. Stations will be located by Children's Check-In. All Nursery children will be temperature checked at the Nursery.

Once a child has passed the temperature check, they will be given a sticker to put on their shirt. Small group leaders will be instructed to look for that sticker.

Avoiding crowded spaces: Kid's will receive their nametags at their small groups to keep the check-in area cleared. We will have stickers on the floor, 6-7 feet apart, for families to wait at while they wait for their children's temperatures to be checked.

New Families: We will reserve extra spots in classes/small groups for visitors. There will also be a volunteer at check-in, ready to sign a new family in.

## **Pick-up**

Adults only: Only adults can pick children up (Our safety policies and procedures allow High School siblings/family to pick up children, but during COVID it will need to be a parent).

One Person: We will encourage only one adult to pick their child/ren up to keep the hallways as empty as possible. Spouses, siblings, and other family will be encouraged to wait outside of the building or in the long hallway that runs to the north doors.

## Parent's Responsibilities

Health: If a child has felt sick within the last 24 hours, they should stay home. Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a child tells a volunteer that they do not feel well, or show symptoms listed above, their parent's will be contacted to come get their child/ren.

Bathroom Stop: Parents should walk their child/ren to the bathroom prior to class to use if needed, and to wash hands with soap and water. Restrooms will be closed during the service.

Invitation: Parents are welcome to sit in on their child/ren's class if they would like. They will be required to let us know ahead of time so we can count on having seating for them, that is social distanced.

## Nursery

Postings: There will be postings at check-in, and inside the nursery regarding:

- Diaper procedure
- Snack procedure
- Cleaning procedure

Volunteers will be attempting to social distance the children in the nursery and watch what the children put in their mouths. However, there is no guarantee that volunteers will catch everything.

Parents: will be informed on the procedures, including the following:

- No outside toys can enter the nursery with the children.
- Parents will need to bring their own sippy cup for their child (which will be wiped down upon entering the nursery).
- Prepackaged goldfish will be given to the children. If the child has an allergy, they will need to bring their own snack for their child.
- Children in the nursery will not be required to wear a face mask.

Diapers: We will follow the [CDC Diaper procedure](#).

Snacks: All snacks will be prepackaged.

Toys: The nursery will be cleaned prior to volunteer training. Excess furniture and toys will be removed, leaving behind minimal toys for the children to play with.

## **Preschool**

No furniture: all toys, desks and chairs will be removed.

Snacks: There will be a “Snack pack” given to the kids. It will include prepackaged items (fruit snacks/pretzels/crackers/etc.), and a small, plastic water bottle.

Social Distancing: Each child will be given their own [Rocket ship tents](#) to crawl into and remain in for the entire class (to ensure social distancing). If there are siblings, they can share a tent if they wish.

Facemasks: will not be required for children under 5 (as per [Jackson County Ordinance](#))

Supplies: There will be an art box in each tent that is already filled with the supplies needed for the crafts specific to that day’s lesson.

Toys: There will only be one shelf in the classroom. On it will be 10 different toys. As children enter their class, they will each select one toy that gets to enter the tent with them.

Cleaning: each tent will be sprayed down, each toy will be removed and cleaned individually. Toys will rotate from week to week.

## **Elementary**

Small groups: The change will depend on the number of volunteers, and the number of children who sign up:

- Boys and girls will be combined
- Week One: There will be two small groups – K/1 and 2/3
- When there is sufficient volunteers, and a good number of children signing up, we will open boys’ and girls’ small groups by grade: K, 1, 2, and 3.

Social Distancing: We have purchased these [Individual Square Carpets](#) set six feet apart for the kid’s to sit on.

Large Group Lesson: Children will stay in their Small Groups for the Large Group Lesson, which will feature live teachers and worship leaders.

Small Group: leaders will encourage social distancing, and will not lead the children in activities that share items, or require children to touch each other (hand holding, high fives, tossing balls, etc.)

Facemasks: are required for children over 5 (as per [Jackson County Ordinance](#))

## **Preteen**

Small Groups: Will meet as usual. Benches will be removed, and chairs will be added, 6 feet apart.

Large Group: Chairs will be set, six feet apart.

Facemasks: are required for children over 5 (as per [Jackson County Ordinance](#)).

Communion: Will be taken as in the adults service – children will grab their communion cup on their way to their small group class.