



## **Word of Life Family Ministries is excited for our regathering as a ministry!**

The guidelines laid out in this document are to address the COVID-19 procedures we have put in place for volunteers and families.

We respect that everyone has different opinions in this season. As a staff, we have consulted with the St. Joseph Health Department, the St. Joseph School District, the CDC, and our local government. If you have a question or suggestion for our guidelines we ask that you contact us by emailing our Family Pastor at [jacob.taylor@wolc.com](mailto:jacob.taylor@wolc.com).

### **Kid's Check-In**

- Please try and send only one parent or guardian to check-in and pick-up
- Please maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and others
- You will be directed at check-in to which classroom your child will be in. Age ranges in rooms and room locations may be different from what you have previously experienced. Room capacities are in place for safety

### **Preventing the Spread**

We've increased hygiene and cleaning protocols in our spaces during our Sunday programming and throughout the week.

- Hand-sanitizing stations are available at check-in and in the classrooms
- Volunteers will be required to wear masks
- Children age 5 and up will be required to wear masks when social distancing is not possible
- Children and students will be temperature checked as they enter a classroom or ministry space. If temperatures are 100.4F or above, the child will not be allowed to participate.

As always, Word of Life Church asks for your help in stopping the spread of any virus within our ministry.

- If you or your child are exhibiting any symptoms of illness including any of the CDC's list of COVID-19 symptoms, we ask that you and your family stay home and take the necessary precautions
- If you or your child has been in direct contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or whose medical provider diagnosed them with a presumed case of COVID-19, we ask that you stay home and take the necessary precautions

### **If there is a positive COVID-19 case in a children's or youth ministry:**

If you or your child was directly in contact with someone in one of our classrooms or ministry spaces who tested positive for COVID-19 or someone whose medical provider diagnosed them with a presumed case of COVID-19, we will contact you.

We will ask anyone who has been directly exposed to COVID-19 to stay at home for at least 14 days and to communicate with us if the exposure coincided with you or your child's involvement in a WOLC kids ministry by emailing [jacob.taylor@wolc.com](mailto:jacob.taylor@wolc.com).

If there is community spread of COVID-19 within our building, we will work directly with local health department officials to complete contact tracing and inform those having close contact with a sick child or volunteer. We will follow public health guidelines and recommendations to determine whether to close a classroom.

### **Returning to Church**

If a volunteer or child has COVID-19 like symptoms, we will follow these guidelines to decide about return to church:

- Must be fever free a minimum of at least 24 hours without the use of any fever reducing medication
- Must have improvement in symptoms
- Might be asked to stay at home at least 10 days after symptoms first appeared  
*If the child or volunteer was **diagnosed with COVID-19**, they **must stay home** at least 10 days after symptoms first appear OR until receiving two negative COVID-19 test 24 hours apart*
- Might be asked to provide documentation from a licensed health care provider stating cleared to return to church
- Please stay in contact with our Family Pastor, [jacob.taylor@wolc.com](mailto:jacob.taylor@wolc.com) about you or your child's return. Know that all information given to us is kept highly confidential