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IMMANUEL VBS 2021 PARENT'S HANDBOOK

Monday–Friday, June 7-11, 9:00 am-noon

COVID-19 Practices,
Important Information

We are so excited to be able to host an in-person VBS this year! This week, your child will be learning all about how Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through, which is a perfect reminder to all of us as we maneuver this ever-changing pandemic world. Our Heavenly Father is with us no matter what is happening around us! I pray that this week strengthens our knowledge of our powerful God in new, fun, meaningful ways.

Maggie Warner, DCE Intern
VBS Director

Elementary (Grades 1-6) VBS COVID-19 Practices

Drop off and pick-up

- Parents may enter the Fellowship Hall building to check their child in, but they should only remain on the tiled area closest to the door.
- Due to capacity restrictions, we cannot have walk-up registrations.
- At the end of the day, parents may gather in the tiled area. They will be called up by grade level to pick up their child to avoid mass crowding in the carpeted area.
- We do ask that all people picking up their child wear face masks when indoors.

During the day

- Per CDC Guidelines for schools and camps, social distancing (3ft apart) will be practiced and encouraged throughout the morning.
- Multiple sanitizing stations will be onsite.
- Children and staff will wash or sanitize hands during every station rotation.
- Volunteers are highly encouraged to wear face masks only when indoors. Masks for grades 1-6 are required when indoors, optional outdoors. Extra masks will be available if needed.
- We will provide a designated sick child area away from all other children staffed by a volunteer. Parents will be notified immediately if their child starts feeling unwell.
- Crews will travel in designated cohorts and there will be a one-way flow through station rotations. This prevents cohorts from intermingling and clogging in narrow spaces.
- Cohorts provide ease of contact tracing if one child begins to feel the symptoms of COVID-19.
- Snack will be outside to accommodate for the virus dispersing incredibly quickly in open air.

Preschool & Kindergarten VBS COVID-19 Practices

Due to COVID-19 precautions, our VBS procedures will look a little different than in past years. All leaders will be appropriately trained in order to maintain the highest possible health and safety procedures.

- Parents will not be able to enter the building.
- Registration will take place outside the preschool entrance.
- Students' temperatures will be taken before entering.
- Upon entering children will go to the bathroom to wash their hands and then will be walked to their classroom by a staff member.

Our Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms will be self contained and most activities for the day will take place within the classroom. Children will move through the halls to go to the gym, the bathroom, and the playground. For each of these movements, traffic will flow one way and only preschoolers will be in the hallways during that time. Hands will be washed or sanitized after each movement. Groups will be socially distanced while in large group time in our gym. All staff will be masked and have sanitizing supplies available to clean tables and toys.

At the end of the day children will be picked up at the Gym Lobby doors beginning at 11:50 am. Please come to the door, tell us your child's name and a staff member will escort your child to you.

We are looking forward to partnering with you through our Vacation Bible School ministry! If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact us.

Wellness Guidelines

At Immanuel, we strive to provide a healthy environment for all and ask those experiencing symptoms of communicable illness refrain from in-person activities.

Due to COVID-19, we can't emphasize enough the importance of following these wellness guidelines. If in the last 14 days, you or someone you are bringing, have been told to quarantine by a medical or government official, had a fever, or a persistent dry cough or shortness of breath, we ask that you please stay home. We appreciate your care and consideration for others.

If you or one of you children are experiencing any of the below symptoms of communicable illnesses, we ask that you please keep them at home.

- 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
- Green nasal discharge
- Unexplainable rash
- Watery, matted eyes
- Head lice (those with head lice can only return to church after being treated with a lice killing medication and no live lice are seen and all nits are removed.)

Daily Information

Drop off

Elementary kids will be dropped off at the main doors of the Fellowship Hall. Preschoolers will be dropped off at the Preschool Entrance (please park in the basketball lot). Please drop Elementary kids off first before proceeding into the Preschool parking lot.

- Parents may enter the Fellowship Hall building to check their child in, but they should only remain on the tiled area closest to the door. Please remember to list all people who are authorized to pick your child up!! We will not release your child to someone who is not listed.
- Drop off medications and alternative snacks (only if there is a food allergy) to Crew Leaders, then children will sit with their crew in the main carpeted area.
- Preschool kids will be dropped off at the door of the preschool entrance and will head to their classroom after washing their hands.

Pick Up

In order to make pick-up run a little more smoothly, feel free to let us know ahead of time who will be picking your child up from VBS.

Preschool:

Pick-up will begin at 11:50 for preschool. Parents will pick up children in the gym lobby; tell an adult leader who you are picking up and they will bring your child out to you.

Elementary:
At the end of the day, parents may gather in the tiled area of the Fellowship Hall. They will be called up by grade level to pick up their child to avoid mass crowding in the carpeted area, then exit out the side (6th street) door.

What to Bring Each Day

- Water Bottle labeled with your child's first and last name
- Extra face masks if needed
- A positive attitude!

Snack Schedule

If your child has an allergy or dietary concern that would prohibit them from eating the provided snack, you are welcome to send an alternative for your child. Please put the snack in a bag labeled with your child's name and give to their leader when you sign them in. Please only send snacks that do NOT have to be refrigerated. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Scheller at sscheller@immanuelstcharles.org.

Monday: Chew Chew Track (Granola Bars, no nuts or chocolate chips, contains gluten)
Tuesday: Bagel Tunnel (Contains gluten and dairy)
Wednesday: Coal Crunch (marshmallowy snack mix; may contain nuts and gluten)
Thursday: Crunchy Crossbuck (contains gluten)
Friday: Good Friend Fruit Pizza (contains gluten and dairy)

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