

WELCOME BACK

AG KIDMIN RELAUNCH KIT

SAFETY

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What precautions will you take to encourage and promote cleanliness and good healthy practices in your space?

- Consider state and regional precautions and standards.
- Consider spacing of chairs and room set up for appropriate distancing by creating small group rotations similar to a Vacation Bible School format.
- Consider precautions such as when masks and gloves may be appropriate.
- Establish communication with education and childcare professionals and consider how their policies and procedures could be established for the church.
- Engage in conversations with leadership sooner rather than later to be adequately prepared.
- Consider creating a 'touchless environment' that limits the need to have contact with others or hard surfaces such as door handles, countertops, etc.
- Consider types of activities or games that you can play in your kids area that supports a 'touchless environment.'

What are your practices and procedures to regularly sanitize hard surfaces and toys in your area?

- Utilize time before re-launch to fully develop cleanliness policies.
- Deep clean and sanitize all areas, surfaces and toys on a regular basis including but not limited to daily, weekly, and annually.
- Follow state guidelines for daycare/childcare standards.
- Utilize dishwasher to clean and sanitize toys/objects, using laundry bags to hold smaller objects.
- Maintain a supply of easily accessed cleaning wipes for instant spot cleaning.
- Utilize volunteers to assist with cleaning and sanitizing.

What processes of review are in place to maintain current and adequate safety and protection protocols for everyone in your ministry?

- Reach out to qualified medical professionals in your church who would be able to advise you in adequate protocols.
- Schedule regular trainings with volunteers and staff to ensure your team is maintaining proper procedures at all times.
- Host a training walk-through with volunteers and staff to illustrate how safety and protection protocols should be enforced and communicated to families.
- Establish a process to maintain management of the most up-to-date procedures and provide regular training updates.

How are safety and/or custodial teams trained and utilized in your children's areas?

- Schedule regular and ongoing trainings to review procedures as well as communication strategies.
- Utilize safety and custodial teams to provide a positive and encouraging response to actual and felt needs of families through a visible presence, clear communication, and an open-door policy for questions.
- Re-evaluate custodial processes and procedures to ensure best practices are being followed.
- Consider how to utilize safety and custodial team members during weekly services to keep kids informed of new practices and standards.

How can you communicate your safety and cleanliness standards to families who may be interested in seeing what is happening before they arrive at the church?

- Provide clear communication through videos made available online outlining current or updated safety standards.
- Provide photos of teams cleaning and sanitizing spaces, surfaces and toys and share on social media and include in emailed updates.
- Post written safety and cleanliness standards for families through various means of communication including website, email, and social media.
- Provide additional signage on site to help communicate and illustrate safety and cleanliness procedures.

How can you partner with the medical community to advise you regarding the cleanliness and sanitation practices for the next several months?

- Credentialed health care professionals are a great resource within their field of expertise.
- Seek advice from the medical community regarding best sanitation practices for your space including those who host multiple services or use a borrowed space.
- Offer trainings for staff, volunteers, and families provided by medical professionals regarding proper cleaning and sanitization techniques.
- Invite a medical professional into your children's ministry to speak about cleanliness and personal hygiene for kids.