

## **Island Christian Church COVID-19 Children's Ministry Policy**

The Island Christian Church Children's Ministry reopening plan incorporates and follows the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

### **Check-In Procedure**

Pre-registration through the website is required. [www.islandchristian.com](http://www.islandchristian.com)

Check-in for all children will be in the church lobby.

First service check-in begins at 8:40am and closes at 9:15am. Second service check-in begins at 10:30am and closes at 11:00am.

A parent/guardian must accompany their children to check-in.

Masks must be worn by every person over the age of 2 at check-in.

Social distance on tape spots while in line at check-in.

Check-in will be a no-touch system. A staff member will ask for name of child, take the temperature of each child with a no-touch thermometer, provide hand-sanitizer for each child, and perform a verbal COVID-19 screening check with the parent. Questions in the COVID-19 screening check include:

- Has your child tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- In the past 14 days, has your child been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19?
- Has your child had a temperature of 100.4F or higher in the past 14 days?
- Has your child experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days? (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, and/or diarrhea.\*)
- Has your child spent time in a state or territory on the NYS Travel Advisory list or country on the CDC Levels 2, 3, or 4 Travel Advisory list in the past 14 days?

If the answer to any of the above questions is 'yes,' and/or the temperature reading is 100.4F or higher, the child will not be admitted to ICC Sunday School classrooms and will be asked to go home.

Parents/guardians must accompany preschool and nursery children to their assigned classrooms **once they have passed the COVID-19 screening check-in.**

## **Sick Child Policy**

As has always been our policy, children should stay home when they are sick or if they display any of the following symptoms: 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, and/or diarrhea. If any of these symptoms are present at check-in, the child will not be admitted to ICC classrooms or permitted to attend service.

If a child develops any of the above symptoms during a Sunday School class, he/she will be escorted to an area separate from others while awaiting the parent/guardian to transport them home. In this case, we advise parents to call their health care provider or local clinic/urgent care center.

Areas used by a sick person will be closed until after cleaning and disinfection occurs.

**Parents/guardians will be notified if we learn of any positive cases of COVID-19 of people in close contact with their children while in children's ministry.**

\*If your child is prone to allergies that cause similar symptoms to the above listed but are not an indication of sickness, please contact us at [kidsmin@islandchristian.com](mailto:kidsmin@islandchristian.com) to address this.

## **Return to Sunday School After Illness**

Children who screen positive for **COVID-19 symptoms** need to meet one of the following criteria before returning to the nursery or Sunday School:

1. Symptom resolution
2. Documentation from a health care provider following evaluation.
3. Negative COVID-19 diagnostic test result.
4. If COVID-19 positive, release from isolation.

For Children's Ministry workers, ICC Children's Ministry will refer to DOH's "Interim Guidance for Public and Private Employees Returning to Work Following COVID-19 Infection or Exposure." Individuals who were exposed to the COVID-19 virus must follow the CDC recommendations for quarantine. The discharge of an individual from quarantine and return to Sunday School will be conducted in coordination with the Suffolk County Department of Health guidelines.

## **Classroom Policy**

Students will not be admitted to ICC classrooms until they have passed the check-in/COVID-19 screening.

Class sizes will be limited and monitored through online registration to maintain social distancing.

All staff will have their temperature taken before admittance to classrooms and will be trained on COVID-19 rules and regulations for ICC Sunday School.

All students and staff are required to wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose, when social distancing is not possible.

Separate sets of toys will be used for each service that will be sanitized each week.

Students will receive their own pack of necessary supplies to use during Sunday School that will not be shared.

Snacks will be individually wrapped.

## **ICC Disinfectant Plan**

Air scrubbers will be run in children's ministry areas.

All nurseries and classrooms will be sanitized before children and staff are admitted.

For Sunday School classes and nursery programs that make use of toys, there will be a separate set for the first service and a separate set for the second service. These toys will be sanitized after use.

Between services, surfaces will be disinfected again, and the ICC Clean Team will clean bathrooms, floors, and shared areas.

Any supplies used during Sunday School on a weekly basis will be individually packaged and sanitized during the week before the next use. Supplies will not be shared between students.

## **Dismissal Procedure**

Please pick up your child directly after the service so volunteers and the ICC Clean Team can disinfect and sanitize classrooms.

All parents/guardians, staff, and students must wear a mask and social distance during pick-up.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a great concern for all of us. We want you to know that we are closely monitoring the CDC and state and local health departments to stay updated for our community and for the safety of our Island Christian Church families.

The health and safety of each student and staff member is of high priority at Island Christian Church. The rules and regulations laid out in this policy are for the safety of every person. **Failure to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this policy can result in the loss of the privilege to attend Sunday School and nursery programs at Island Christian Church.**

Parents/guardians, please make your children aware of these policies and consequences to ensure a safe and productive environment for our students and staff at Island Christian Church.

Any questions can be emailed to [kidsmin@islandchristian.com](mailto:kidsmin@islandchristian.com).

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