

## Nursery Policies and COVID-19 Guidelines

- All caregivers will be required to take the health and safety training related to COVID-19 through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.
- All caregivers and children will be required to pass a screening before being granted access to enter the nursery.
  - Temperature check
  - COVID Questionnaire
- We have composed a COVID-19 waiver. Each child will be required to have a church liability waiver and a COVID-19 waiver signed by a parent/guardian before the child is allowed to enter the nursery.
- Temperatures will be taken of all children upon arrival to receive nursery care.
- All children 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older will wear a face covering to cover his/her nose and mouth.
- All adult volunteers will wear a face covering to cover his/her nose and mouth.
- If a parent, volunteer, or child is sick, continual communication will be had so that the sick individual(s) will remain home.
- We will have a "sick room" designated if a child becomes ill while in the nursery, where they will wait until their parent arrives to pick them up. This room will be away from the other children.
- If any children or volunteers have any symptoms of COVID-19, they are not to return until 72 hours have passed since recovery from the symptoms.
- Volunteers or children with known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 will not be allowed to return to a ministry event until the end of the 14-day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure or a negative COVID-19 test result from the child is provided.
- To reduce germs in the nursery, no child over the age of 4 (pre-k) will be allowed to receive care in the nursery during Sunday morning worship.
  - Children through the age of 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be allowed to be supervised by nursery staff, if necessary, during meetings that take place throughout the year.
  - Older children will be kept separate from younger children.

### Drop off and pick up

- Drop-off and pick-up procedures will be implemented that do not allow parents, guardians, or family members not receiving nursery care to enter the nursery facility.
- Parents will drop child(ren) off with a nursery worker outside the nursery doors once the child(ren) has had their temperature taken.
- Children will be brought outside the nursery doors for pick up upon arrival of parents.

### Diapering Procedures

- Wash the child's and caregiver's hands before beginning.
- The caregiver will wear gloves.
- Clean the child.
- Remove the trash.
- Replace the diaper.
- Wash the child's hands
- Clean up the diapering station.
- The caregiver will wash hands.

### Environmental Health

- Handwashing will be closely monitored and enforced by caregivers.
  - Children will wash their hands immediately upon entering the nursery.
  - Children who are of handwashing age will wash their hands in between the use of each activity/toy.
- Machine washable cloth toys are kept to a minimum. The cloth toys are limited to one child at a time and will be laundered before being used by another child.
- Toys that cannot be cleaned and sanitized will not be used.
- Toys will not be shared between classrooms without first being disinfected/laundered.
- Blankets and clothes will not be shared between the children.
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly while the nursery is open.
  - More detailed information on cleaning can be found on the checklists attached.
- Toddlers will be in one room, and infants will be in a different room.

### Caring for and feeding an infant

- Caregivers will be required to wear the smocks provided by the church.
- Caregivers should wash their hands, neck, arms, and anywhere touched by a child's secretions.
- Caregivers should change a child's clothes if secretions are on the child's clothes.
  - Contaminated clothes should be placed in a plastic sack and put in the child's diaper bag.
- Caregivers will be required to wash their hands before and after handling infant bottles prepared at home or in the nursery.

### Hand Hygiene

- All children, staff, and volunteers will wash their hands at the following times:
  - Arrival at the nursery
  - Before and after preparing food or drinks
  - Before and after eating or handling food, or feeding children
  - Before and after diapering
  - After using the toilet or helping a child use the bathroom
  - After coming in contact with bodily fluid
  - After handling garbage
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Assist children with handwashing; staff should also wash their hands.