

Strategic Launch 2020

As we strive to encourage all people to know the love of Christ, we have prayerfully considered the guidelines below to be implemented upon the restart of youth programming. The following guidelines are based on current CDC guidelines and are subject to change, under the recommendations of Hope for the health and safety of our youth.

Church-wide Guidelines

- Practice Social Distancing: Per current CDC guidelines maintaining a 6ft social distance between people is important to help prevent the transmission of Covid-19. Refrain from touching others.
- Wear a Mask: Per current CDC guidelines, masks are required with the exception of children under the age of two and those with underlying health conditions.
 - *If you forget your mask, we will have one available for you.*
- If you are not feeling well, please do not enter the building.
- Bathrooms are available; children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Wash and Sanitize. Please wash your hands. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at multiple places in our facilities. Thorough sanitizing and cleaning will be done between services and ministries.

Classroom & Small Group Capacity

- Hopekids small groups will consist of no more than eight people including the small group leader
 - *Small groups will be asked to stay at their tables during the hour*
- Confirmation small groups will consist of no more than 15 people including the small group leader
 - *Small groups will be asked to stay at their tables during the hour*
- Classroom capacities are well below CDC recommendations to allow for adequate social distancing between groups
 - *Hopekids classroom capacities will be capped for the 2020-2021 year*

Student Drop-off & Pick-up

- Classroom doors will be propped open at all times unless for safety concerns
- If a SGL is not available, a parent/guardian will need to substitute for the group
 - *Small groups may not combine with other small groups*
- Small group leaders will take attendance (see "Attendance Tracking").
 - *Check-in Kiosks will be removed from walls until further notice*
- Hopekids: Each child will receive their name badge at their small group table
 - *Name badges will be sanitized at the end of each hour and stay at Hopekids*

- Hopekids: Parent/guardians will receive a pick-up slip they may print or display on their phone to verify child pick-up
- Parents/guardians and all students will be asked to follow directional signage for entering/exiting classrooms and navigating hallways.
 - MSM students are to go directly to their assigned spaces. There will be no mingling.
- Hopekids: Only one person should enter the room to pick-up a child, if possible. Please pick-up your oldest child first, if picking up multiple children. If more than one parent/guardian is present for pick-up and multiple children need to be picked-up, it is encouraged that parent/guardians pick-up their children individually.
- MSM: Parents are asked to drop-off and pick-up students from the parking lots unless they are volunteering or have arranged to talk with a staff member. Parents are to wait in the parking lot until program start time while we do temperature checks.

Attendance Tracking

- Hopekids: Small group leaders will track attendance on paper group lists printed out each week
 - Minimize the use of shared writing utensils by having one person (SGL) take attendance
- Confirmation: Small group leaders will track attendance on their phones using a shortcut to Hope's database.
- Confirmation: No Worship Attendance will be taken in Confirmation during the 2020-2021 programming year. Students and their families are encouraged to attend in-person or online worship.

Guest & New Registrant Policy

- Hopekids & Confirmation:
 - Walk-in registrations will not be processed for one week from submission.
 - One-time visitors will be asked to attend worship with family this year. Due to health and safety concerns for small groups, visitors/guests will not be able to join a small group to participate in programming. Students may register for programming but will not be able to join a small group until the following week.

Participant Health Policy & Screening

- All participants (student, volunteers, & staff) must be symptom free for 24 hours before participating in Hopekids or Confirmation.
 - This includes fever, vomiting, and other contagious health concerns
- All participants will be subject to temperature screening upon arrival. If their temperature exceeds 100.4 the participant and their direct family members will be asked to leave.
- Participants will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer (provided) upon entry/exit
- If a participant tests positive for Covid-19 and has attended small group in the last 14 days, we request that the church be notified as soon as possible.

Restroom & water fountain use during the Hopekids hour

- Hopekids: Students are encouraged to use the restroom with parent/guardian supervision prior to the start of the hour.
 - *Bathroom breaks will be permitted with the supervision of an adult (outside of the restroom entrance).*
- Confirmation students are encouraged to use the restroom before arriving at church.
 - *Students will be expected to abide by posted social distancing guidelines while utilizing the facilities*
- Water fountains will not be available. Water jugs and disposable cups will be available in classrooms, if needed.

Procedures for Shared Materials

- Hopekids: Will be encouraged to bring their red Hopekids bag with their Bible & their own writing utensil each week
 - *Golf pencils or pens will be available and will be disposed of or sanitized following the hour*
- Confirmation: Students are to bring their Bibles and a pen to large and small group.
- Each small group will have their own designated supply tote/bag for items that otherwise need to be shared
 - *Totes/bags will not be shared between hours/groups*
 - *Any items shared will be sanitized by SGL at the end of the hour before being returned*

Space Sanitation

- Small group spaces will be sanitized at the end of each hour by the small group leader
- Hand sanitizer will be available to each group to be used as needed

Alternate Programming Options

- “Hopekids at Home” will be available for the entirety of the 2020-2021 academic year in an online format, which includes:
 - *Weekly videos from our Hopekids staff*
 - *Online Zoom options to connect with your grade level and small group*
 - *Printable activity pages*
 - *Parent Cue App – connect with more resources and lesson videos from our partners at Orange*
- Confirmation Online will be available for the entirety of the 2020-2021 academic year in an online format, which includes:
 - *Bi-weekly lessons (“Large Group”) posted to YouTube and fargohope.org/middleschool*
 - *Bi-weekly Zoom discussion breakouts (“Small Group”)*