

Hello parents!

We are so excited to announce that in the month of August, we will begin having field days for our kids on Sundays! As you consider joining us, here are some things that you can expect.

In order to keep our kids, volunteers and their families safe, we will be implementing new procedures aimed to minimize the risk of spreading infection, while keeping our ministry inviting, engaging and fun.

It is expected that you and your kids do not attend if you or your kids are sick, or if you are concerned about your health. Prior to bringing your kids to church, we ask that you consider the screening questions under "Arrival & Check-In."

We strongly encourage that you arrive early on Sunday, about 9:30-9:40am, to have enough time to go through the check-in process, that way you do not have to miss any of the worship service.

Arrival & Check-In (about 9:30am to 10am):

When you arrive on Sunday morning, prior to checking in your children to our ministry, you will be asked 3 brief screening questions:

1. Have your children in the past 7 days experienced a fever of 100.4 or higher?
2. Have your children in the past 7 days experienced a cough?
3. Have your children in the past 7 days experienced shortness of breath?

If you can answer YES to any of the above, your children may not enter our ministry as this time. However, you are welcome to come back next week!

If you can answer NO to all of the above, one of our team members will check your child's temperature with a no-contact forehead thermometer.

If your child has a temperature of 100.4°F (what the CDC constitutes as a fever) or higher, your children may not enter our ministry at this time. However, you are welcome to come back next week!

After screening and temperature checks, you will proceed to the check-in desk to get name tags for your children. One of our check-in team members will assist you to minimize contact on the equipment.

Dropping Off (beginning at 9:45am):

For the month of August, kids from Birth-5 years (not in Kindergarten) will be in Room 104 to play during service. After checking in your kids, you are welcome to walk them down to this classroom — volunteers will be available to show you where to go.

Kids going into Kindergarten-5th Grade will start off in service with parents while worship is taking place. After worship (about 10:15am), those children will be dismissed to the Cafeteria where Kids Ministry team members will take the kids outside for field days. — Note that kids must be checked-in to our system in order to participate in field days.

If you are not comfortable dropping your kids off at this time but would still like to attend service, we will have worship bags available for kids to use while sitting in service with you. You are also welcome to take your kids into the Cafeteria/Atrium area of the building at any time.

During Service (10am to about 11:15am):

Children Birth-5 years will have a safe and fun environment to play!

- Volunteers serving with this age group will be wearing masks.
- All toys will stay with the child who plays with them. After play, the toy will be removed and stored until it is cleaned after service.
- Hard surface toys (plastic, vinyl, plexiglass, etc.) will be sanitized with disinfectant.
- Fabric toys, baby swings, etc., will be laundered.
- Tables, furniture, gates, separators will be cleaned intermittently during service and/or whenever necessary.
- Regular sanitizing breaks will be taken to either use hand sanitizer and/or baby wipes, every 10-15 minutes and whenever necessary such as after touching faces, coughing or sneezing.
- Packaged snacks and small water bottles will be available for your children.

Children going into Kindergarten-5th Grade will also have a safe and fun environment to play outside! *If the weather is poor, we will be using the second gym.*

- Kids in this age group and volunteers serving in this age group will not be required to wear masks.
- Regular sanitizing breaks will be taken to either use hand sanitizer, every 10-15 minutes and whenever necessary such as after touching faces, coughing or sneezing.
- It is recommended that you bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses or whatever else your children may need to stay safe in the sun.
- Water bottles will be available for your children.

Security:

- It is Hope City's policy that an adult is NEVER to be alone with a child. We follow the 3 Person Rule = 2 leaders with 1 child.
- Our Kids Ministry team members and Security team members regularly communicate about when children need to use the restroom, when a parent needs to be paged, etc.
- If your child needs you at any point during service, your tag number (series of numbers & letters) will be shown on the screen during service. Please check your tag number if you ever see one on the screen.

Bathroom Policy:

- It is encouraged that parents take their children to the restroom prior to entering service or dropping their children off in the children's ministry classroom.
- If a child needs assistance with using the restroom, the parent will be paged in service.
- Hope City's policy is NOT to physically assist children in the restroom (no undressing, wiping or redressing).
- Kids Ministry team member will wait outside the door for the child to finish, being assisted with words if necessary.
- Kids Ministry team member will instruct the children to wash their hands when finished.

After Service & Pick-Up (about 11:15am):

All of our Kindergarten-5th Grade kids will be brought back inside about 5 minutes before service ends (about 11:10am), and will wait in the Atrium near the Children's Check-In area. We will have kids grouped-up by family. One of our Kids Ministry team members will gather your parent tag and make sure that it matches up with your child's tag. Once we get both tags, you are free to go with your kids!

Our Birth-5 year olds will need to be picked up from Room 104. A Kids Ministry team member will gather your parent tag and make sure that it matches up with your child's tag. Once we get both tags you are free to go with your kids!

Our children's classroom and all activities used will be thoroughly cleaned after service by our Kids Ministry Director and team members.

If you have any questions, please contact our Kid's Director, Louise Pletta at louise.pletta@wearehopecity.com

We hope to see you this Sunday!