



In Person Kids' Small Groups @ Restoration

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

PREAMBLE

Restoration is committed to the physical, social, and spiritual health of the children under our care. Below are the guidelines and best practices we will follow in order to ensure a safe environment for our children. We will continue to adjust based on state and federal requirements.

REGISTRATION

We ask that adults register their children each school year for nursery through 5th grade kids' small groups. You can find that registration form [here](https://restorationarlington.org/children-registration/). (<https://restorationarlington.org/children-registration/>)

BEFORE COMING TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY

Complete your own health screening at home to examine your general health and that of your child, including a temperature check (which must be below 100.4 degrees). If any of the following symptoms are present, please do not come to church: cough, running nose, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell.

If you or your child have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 7-10 days, please only come to church if you or your child don't have any symptoms and you or your child have received a negative PCR COVID test 5-7 days after exposure.

COVID EXPOSURE PROTOCOL

If we are informed of a confirmed COVID exposure among our kids' small group kids and leaders, Restoration's clergy, staff, and vestry will work with health professionals to disseminate information as deemed appropriate.

MASKING GUIDANCE IN KIDS' SMALL GROUPS

We ask that kids ages 2 and up wear a mask while at church. If a child does not have a mask, Restoration will provide one for them. All parents, staff, and volunteers will be asked to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. If adults do not have a mask, Restoration will provide one for them.

KIDS' SMALL GROUP DETAILS ON A SUNDAY

Nursery Kids' Small Group Drop-off

Nursery-aged children can be checked-in and dropped-off 10 minutes prior to the start of the service.

Check-in will be volunteer and staff-assisted. Children will receive their name tags and parents will receive a matching tag, which will be required for pick-up.

All hands will be sanitized with liquid hand sanitizer before entering nursery kids' small group rooms.

We ask that kids ages 2 and up wear a mask while at church. If a child does not have a mask, Restoration will provide one for them.

If a child becomes ill during nursery kids' small groups or exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will be immediately isolated and the parents will be texted to come immediately to pick up their child.

Nursery Kids' Small Group Pick-up

Parents are expected to pick-up their children immediately after the service.

Pick-up will be staff-assisted.

Preschool through 5th grade Kids' Small Group Check-in

Parents and kids who are preschool through 5th grade will check-in with their kids' small group leaders in the lower narthex before the service begins. Parents and kids will receive matching name tags.

Parents and kids will begin worship in the sanctuary.

As kids are released from the sanctuary for kids' small groups, they will meet their kids' small group leaders in the upper narthex. Once leaders verify that all children who have checked-in are gathered, they will transition downstairs into their kids' small group rooms. If any child has not been checked-in prior to kids' small groups, a parent must accompany the child and check-in with the kids' small group leaders to receive matching name tags.

All hands will be sanitized with liquid hand sanitizer before entering kids' small group rooms.

We ask that kids ages 2 and up wear a mask while at church. If a child does not have a mask, Restoration will provide one for them.

If a child becomes ill during preschool through 5th grade kids' small groups or exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will be immediately isolated and the parents will be texted to come immediately to pick up their child.

Kids who are preschool through 5th grade will return to the sanctuary to rejoin their families for Communion. Kids' small group leaders will make sure that all children connect with their parents.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Kids' Small Group Leaders (Staff and Volunteers)

Kids' Small Group Leaders (staff and volunteers) will complete a morning health check before coming to church.

Kids' Small Group Leaders (staff and volunteers) will wear masks at all times.

Kids' Small Group Leaders (staff and volunteers) will wash/sanitize hands on a regular basis throughout the morning.

We will maintain proper adult-child ratios consistent with our Keeping Kids Safe @ Restoration child safety policy and the DOMA guidelines for the protection of children.

Spaces and Supplies

Kids' Small Group Leaders (staff and volunteers) will encourage social distancing as they are able.

Windows in kids' small group rooms will be partially open to encourage air flow.

Toys will be cleaned prior to the service. Any toy that is put into a child's mouth will be removed from play for the remainder of the service.

All surfaces, door handles, chairs, tables, etc. will be wiped down with sanitizing spray or wipes prior to children entering the nursery kids' small group rooms and after children have departed, including bathrooms.

We will not serve snacks during the service. Snacks provided by parents will also not be served. If your child needs to eat during the service, we ask that the parent feed the child and wash his/her hands before returning the child to their kids' small group room.

If your child is unable to settle in after no more than five minutes of crying, we will text you asking that you come immediately to collect your child.

IF THERE IS A DIAGNOSED ILLNESS AFTER BEING TOGETHER ON A SUNDAY

As always, if your child is diagnosed with an illness (ex. pink eye, lice, COVID -19) the following week, please immediately notify Louise Brooks, Director of Kids' Small Groups by phone (703-209-2730) or email (louise@restorationarlington.org)