



GUIDELINES FOR FAITH FORMATION DURING PANDEMIC Fall 2020

Phase 5 Guidelines

The following are guidelines to be implemented with regard to face-to-face religious education classes:

Screening

- All catechists, staff and volunteers will monitor themselves for any symptoms of Covid-19 and if present will not volunteer in person. They will not return to volunteer in-person until they have been cleared by a doctor or have gone 10 days without symptoms.
- Parents should monitor their children for any symptoms of Covid-19 and if present do not send their children to faith formation.
- Any student who arrives ill or becomes ill during class will be isolated and their parents will be called immediately to pick up the student.

Social Distancing

- Desks or seats for children will be at least 6 feet apart.
- Catechists, aids, or volunteers will remain 6 feet from children at all times.
- Any large group gathering will allow for social distancing and not exceed the size allowed by the most recent Executive Order.
- There will be no activities that allow students from different classes to come together such as group meals, group movies, etc. unless it is done in areas that allow for social distancing.
- There will be no sharing of classroom supplies such as books, pencils, scissors, etc.
- Provided snacks and drinks will be individually packaged.
- Social distancing will be maintained when using the bathrooms. Signs will be posted in the bathroom on proper handwashing procedures. Parents are encouraged to have their children use the bathroom prior to attending class.

Masks

- Masks are required for staff, catechists, volunteers, and all students when in the classroom, as well as in common areas of the building like hallways and bathrooms
- Parents must wear masks when in the building picking up or dropping off their child/youth

Hand Washing/Sanitizing

- Every room will have sanitizer, as will all entrance and exit doors
- As children/youth or adults enter the room they will immediately sanitize/wash their hands
- Frequently touched surfaces including door handles, light switches, desks/tables, etc. will be sanitized before and after classes are held. Classroom doors will be propped open to limit the amount of the touching of door handles.
- Where possible, windows and doors will be open to increase air flow. The outdoors will also be utilized.

**Please direct any questions regarding these guidelines to
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