

Guidelines for Sunday School
and Middle/ High School Youth Groups
and Childcare

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According to the *Long Beach Safer At Home Order for Control of COVID-19* (4/16/21), Long Beach is now in the Orange Tier (moderate COVID-19 spread).

Following the 4/16/21 *Long Beach Safer At Home Order* and the 7/29/20 *California Industry Guidance: places of worship and providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies*, outdoor services are strongly encouraged and indoor services are recommended to remain at 50% capacity with certain modifications. Please follow guidance from the city and state for more complete information.

Back office staff and management may operate indoors and in-person according to the *Office Worksite Protocol*. Masks must be worn and a physical distance of 6 ft must be maintained. Please refer to the *Faithful Phasing* document and the *Long Beach Office Worksite Protocol* for complete guidelines.

The Reopening Team recommends permitting Sunday school classes and childcare to resume at the discretion of the Staff, following the guidelines of the *Faithful Phasing* document, as is appropriate, the *Long Beach Safer At Home Order* (4/16/21), and the 7/29/20 *California Industry Guidance: places of worship and providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies*.

Preparation

1. Group leaders must attend a COVID-19 training session, provided by Chris Chandler.
2. All-campus guidelines will be observed. This includes guidelines for check-in and check-out, found in Step 4 of the *Faithful Phasing* reopening document. Send home anyone who is ill.
3. Classes or meetings are strongly encouraged to be held outdoors, but make take place indoors with modifications.
4. A Zoom component will be offered for those who elect to remain at home.
5. Parents must sign a COVID-19 release form for their children.
6. Leaders will keep an attendance sheet and turn it into the office. It will be kept for 3 weeks.
7. Cohort size for Sunday School, Youth Groups, and Childcare should be kept as small as is feasible. Keep the same children and teacher or staff with each group and include children from the same family in the same group to the greatest extent possible.
8. As much as possible, hold classes/meetings outdoors. If you meet indoors, please increase fresh air circulation by opening windows and doors.
9. If there are multiple groups of children meeting at the same time at one facility, each group shall be in a different room. Groups shall not mix with each other. Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.

During the Meeting or Class

10. If refreshments are served, they should be served in single – serve, disposable containers. Participants may bring their own beverages in a sealed container. If single-serve is not possible, food/ beverages may be served by an attendee who washes hands frequently and wears a mask over nose and mouth. There is no self-serve.
11. Meetings should be limited to 2 hours.
12. Children must remain at least 6 feet away from each other, indoors or outdoors. Masks must be worn by children 2 year of age and older. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Materials may not be shared.

Because these programs involve unvaccinated children, the Reopening Team recommends that you please carefully follow this section that is based on the *Long Beach Safer At Home Order* (3/31/21)

13. Singing, chanting, shouting, cheering, physical exertion or similar activities are strongly discouraged both indoors and outdoors. However, if they do occur:
 - a. If outdoors, everyone must maintain 6 ft physical distance from performers and spectators, even with a mask. Without a mask, the distance is 12 feet.
 - b. If indoors, you must always wear a mask. Remain 12 feet away from other performers and 24 feet away from spectators.
 - c. Perform quietly to reduce aerosolized droplets.
14. Instrumental music is strongly discouraged, both indoors and outdoors. However if it does occur:
 - a. If outdoors, musicians must maintain a 6 foot physical distance from other performers and spectators even with a mask. Without a mask, they must remain 12 feet away from other performers and spectators.
 - b. If indoors, musicians must always wear a mask and they must maintain at least 12 feet physical distance from other performers and 24 feet from spectators.
 - c. Musicians must be from one of the 3 households. Wind instruments are strongly discouraged, but if they are used, they must be used with a protective, tightly woven cloth covering over the bell.
 - d. Perform quietly to reduce aerosolized droplets.

Remember

Even if one is fully vaccinated against COVID-19, masks must still be worn when on campus. Please keep your masks covering both nose and mouth at all times.