

## HEALTH SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR DEERMEADOWS (Spring 2021)

### WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS

We invite everyone who is comfortable to join us on campus. We do ask that you remain at home if any of the following apply:

- Fever of 100+,
- Other COVID [symptoms](#)
- Recent COVID exposure
- Known or assumed to be COVID positive

Please follow the [Quarantine Guidelines](#) recommended by the CDC if you have been exposed to COVID or you are known or assumed to be COVID positive.

Sunday morning worship is available via livestream at 11 am and Pastor Larry's Wednesday night teaching is available on Facebook Live at 7 pm each week. Both may be viewed at a later time as well.

### WHAT INDIVIDUAL HEALTH SAFETY PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE?

- Hand sanitizer throughout
- Extra face masks are available throughout the campus if you need one
- Please refrain from hugs and handshakes – Try virtual hugs, virtual high fives or elbow bumps.
- Water fountains are closed but water bottles are available for pick-up.

### HOW ARE YOU CLEANING THE DEERMEADOWS FACILITIES?

The building and custodial teams are following procedures to clean and sanitize all high-touch surfaces in and around the sanctuary before and after on-campus activities. Restrooms are cleaned regularly.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PROTOCOLS

### MAY I SIT WHEREVER I WISH?

Choose your own seat in the worship center where every other pew is available. Please observe physical distancing from members of other households.

### WILL THERE BE ACTIVITIES AND CARE FOR MY KIDS DURING WORSHIP? YES

**Preschoolers** (Birth through PreK) are cared for throughout the service. Care providers and children will be temperature-checked and should have no symptoms of illness to participate. Caregivers will wear masks. Masks are optional for preschoolers age two and older. Children under two are advised not to wear a mask. Parents will be asked health screening questions at check-in since physical distancing is not practical for preschoolers.

**Older kids (Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)** will be invited to leave for Children's Worship before the message begins in the Worship Center. Children are seated apart from each other in Children's Worship and wear masks there.

## **MASKS**

Please wear your face mask in the Worship Center throughout the service.

## **WILL WE SING?**

Yes, we invite you to join in the singing while keeping your mask on. Musicians leading from the platform are not required to be masked given their distance from the congregation and each other.

## **HOW DO I GIVE AN OFFERING AS PART OF WORSHIP?**

Drop offering in the labeled and secure boxes available in the Worship Center. Offering plates will not be passed. Online giving and text giving are also available.

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## **PROTOCOLS FOR SMALL GROUPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **FOR ADULTS AND STUDENTS (grades 6 – 12):**

#### **Physical distancing**

- Continue with creative ways to greet each other such as virtual hugs and virtual high fives. Please refrain from hugs and handshakes.
- Please avoid bunching up in the hallways to facilitate safe physical distancing.
- Classrooms will be set up with chairs 6' apart as much as possible. People from the same household may sit closer.

#### **Masks**

Please wear a face mask when indoors on campus. Teachers may remove their mask if they can be appropriately distanced from the class members.

#### **Beverages**

Water fountains will be closed but there will be a number of locations where you can pick up a water bottle. We will not have coffee stations at this time but you are welcome to bring your own!

### **FOR BIRTH THROUGH 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE:**

#### **Physical Distancing**

- Spaces for elementary-aged children grades K-5 will be set up and activities will be designed to maximize opportunities for physical distancing as much as possible.
- For preschoolers, physical distancing is not feasible from each other or their teachers.

#### **Wellness Screening**

Because of limitations on physical distancing for children, there will be an additional layer of prevention for these age groups. We will check temperatures and ask wellness screening questions. Anyone (leaders and children) with any COVID symptoms or a temperature of 100 or greater is asked to wait to participate until well.

**Masks**

Children in Kindergarten and older will wear their masks throughout. Parents of preschoolers ages 2 may choose for their child to wear a face mask if desired.

**Materials and Toys**

- All children will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving their room.
- For Kindergarten and older, children will be given their own set of supplies which will be kept in a bag and used only by that child week to week.
- Because preschoolers learn through play, they will be playing with shared toys. Toys are sanitized following each class.

**Snacks**

At this time, we are not serving snacks during classes and activities but we do provide grab-and-go snacks at the end of a session to be eaten after the family leaves.

**Thank you for helping to protect the health of everyone who is participating in the on campus activities at Deermeadows.**