

King of Grace Church VBS 2020 COVID-19 Requirements

Best Practices for Protecting against COVID-19

- Government Directed Practices^{1,2,3}

On June 1st, Massachusetts reopened summer camps for children under detailed guidelines.⁴ Accordingly, the mandated practices in place for our VBS will include the following:

- Prescreening/preregistering of campers for symptoms or testing positive for COVID-19 each day with temperature checks.
 - Maintaining two health staff on the premises.
 - Parents or guardians will wear face masks when picking up or dropping off children.
 - Limiting group sizes to 10 or less, preferably keeping household members together in the same group.
 - Keeping groups, including staff, social distanced from other groups during the week.
 - Holding all events outdoors.
 - Snacks will be prepared by staff wearing masks and gloves and served individually to each child so as to minimize contact with others.
 - Wearing masks if inside together
 - Handwashing
 - Decontamination of common surfaces
 - Contact tracing of any participant or staff who shows symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. This will include notifying the Haverhill Board of Health and, if directed, shutting down the VBS and/or notifying all participant families and staff.
- Recommended Practices⁵
 - Encouraging persons at-risk to stay at home.
 - Providing online alternatives.
 - Providing good ventilation and air filtering.

¹ <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/05/19/nation/an-industry-vision-emerges-how-summer-camp-might-work-covid-19-era/>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Camps-Decision-Tree.pdf>

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

⁴ <https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-releases-detailed-guidelines-for-the-phased-reopening-of-child>

⁵ <https://acacamps.app.box.com/s/7gkh9buu3ntssx2v38gajg4z94631lag>

- Following the best protocols for limiting contact among participants and reinforcing all protocols.

Safe-Church Practices

We will continue to follow our historic and updated safe-church policies which include the following:

- Children are preregistered and screened for allergies and any other special consideration.
- Parents or guardians phone numbers are available to staff.
- A trained medical person is on site.
- Children are always in the presence of their crew and crew leaders.
- Children are always in the presence of at least one adult and another person age 12 or older.
- Prescreening with a background check is performed for all adult staff responsible for the children. No other adults are allowed in the presence of children unless accompanied by adult staff who have been prescreened.
- All children are supervised at all times to promote mutual kindness and safety.
- No child will be dismissed unless accompanied by an approved adult or designated child 12 or older.

Facilities

- We will utilize outdoors to the maximum extent possible through the use of large tents.
- We will keep doors and windows open for good ventilation.
- We will keep our HVAC system running during our time.
- We will use a medical-grade HEPA filtration unit.
- We will employ masks while inside for all participants unless they are leading an activity.
- We will disinfect all common surfaces before and after each day.