

Dear Church Family,

The Christian Education Board would like to provide for the church family information regarding our Covid situation. Due to the current county guidelines and limitations regarding gatherings at the church the Christian Ed. Board has come up with a set of guidelines that we believe complies with these county guidelines. We appreciate your patience with us in meeting the needs of Christian Education for our church.

❖ Judy Eggleston has provided the following information for us:

COVID changed many things for so many people. The gentle guidance and care of our little ones halted. My heart was saddened to close the nursery. It was further saddened by the continued closure.

As a healthcare worker, with an interesting perspective on the passing of events, there are several lessons and changes for the future of nursery.

Children have amazing immune systems and are incredibly resilient. However, teaching them hand hygiene at the nursery level is a difficult feat, as parents and other adults don't seem to agree on how to keep them safe and non-carriers of pathogens.

This being said, the best course of action:

- 1) To have helpers wear 3 layered medical grade masks, or ½ face clear face masks. 3 layered medical masks will be available for all helpers in the nursery.
- 2) All helpers and children will have their temperature taking and logged on the Weekly Sign In sheet.
- 3) 4-6 children must be our maximum with 2 helpers: 1 paid (will have to be hired) and one volunteer; or 2 volunteers until paid helper can be hired.
- 4) Gloves are to be worn while changing diapers and during cleaning procedures at the end of the nursery shift.
- 5) Toys are to be thinned and rotated on a regular basis.
- 6) Toys and surfaces are to be cleaned after each nursery use.

In the last fiscal year, Nursery budget was used to purchase gloves, masks and hand sanitizer to be used for this next year. Since there is no need for curriculum or toys in the Nursery, the request for the coming year is to purchase a fogger-sprayer for cleaning procedures after each Nursery use.

My hope is to return to a regularly offered nursery when needed. We will provide a safe option for families with young children (0-3 years of age) to attend in person services. We pray that God's call for fellowship and worship with brothers and sisters in Christ will soon be available.

Thank you,

The Christian Education Board