



Dear Parents,

The time has finally come, Shoreline Kids is reopening in person classrooms! None of us could have imagined our wonderful kids' area would sit unused for an entire year, and we are so excited to invite children back into this space.

We want to let you all know that at Shoreline Kids, we are preparing a staggered reopening starting Sunday, March 21st with our Kids Church (K-5th) class. We will continue with younger age groups, when possible, as follows:

- After K-5th will be Preschool (3-5 years old)
- Followed by Toddlers (2-3 years old)
- And lastly Nursery (6 weeks-2 years old).

As we reopen, online pre-registration for children will be required. Please take a moment to read some of our Shoreline Kids guidelines before you register your family. Registration for March 21st will be available starting Monday, March 1st, and each week after will be available the preceding Monday. To register, please visit the Church Center App or Shorelineecc.com/ShorelineKids.

Thank you so much for your support and patience as we work to re-open compassionately, responsibly and with faith. We are aware it might be a difficult transition to come back to church for many little ones. Know that we are excited to rise to the challenge and look forward to the process of welcoming everyone back home.

Below are a few of our guidelines as we reopen Shoreline Kids:

- Be proactive and check your child's temperature the morning before coming to church. Temperatures of leaders and children will be taken at check-in. (Must be below 100°)
- Only allow your children to attend Shoreline Kids if they are completely well, i.e., they have no cough, runny nose, cold, or fever, etc.
- Stay at home if you or your children have been exposed to COVID in the last two weeks, even if none of you exhibit symptoms.
- All leaders are required to wear masks and children will follow our state guidelines.
 - Under 2 years: mask wearing is not advised.
 - 2yrs-4yrs: mask wearing is strongly encouraged.
 - 5yrs & above: mask wearing is required.

- If you are not yet comfortable with your child(ren) going to their usual children's ministry areas, they may continue to stay in the main gathering with you.
- Child registration will be open weekly (Monday-Saturday) for the upcoming Sunday service. Room attendance will be capped according to state guidelines, so it will be important to let us know your child is planning to attend. Sunday walk-ins are welcome, however, classrooms for that gathering may already be at their limit and your child(ren) may need to follow you into the main gathering.

To promote a healthy environment, the church is making the following accommodations:

- The children's rooms will be cleaned and sanitized before and after church. Cleaning procedures will be posted.
- All Shoreline Kids leaders will wear masks.
- Drinking fountains will not be accessible. Single use water bottles will be provided and labeled with child's name.
- The number of toys, books, and other manipulatives in each room will be limited. No personal toys, etc., from home will be allowed.
- The Kids Store will remain closed for the time being. We are working on other incentives in place of the Kid's Bucks we would normally hand out.
- When younger classes open, please understand that it will not be possible for workers to keep babies or toddlers six feet apart from each other, however, every effort will be made to maintain as much distance from one another as possible.

We know that some parents in our church are extremely glad that their children can resume attending children's ministries. We also understand that some parents do not yet feel comfortable with that. Whether you choose to keep your children at home, in the gathering with you, or let them go to their classes, we respect your decision as a parent to do what you feel is best for your family.

Blessings,

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