

## Hello Shoreline Kids Volunteers!

We have exciting news. We are relaunching Shoreline Kids Sunday services two weeks before Easter! Yes, that's right, Shoreline Kids will begin meeting in person beginning Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>!

I wanted to touch base with all of you and fill you in as we begin to plan reopening kid's church. The service format will remain mostly the same. However, some things will have to be adapted to meet the current guidelines and to make sure we are doing our best to provide a safe space for children and their families. Below is a brief outline of some of the guidelines we will follow and safety measures we will have in place.

Each classroom will have its own specific guidelines, as will check-in and security, but here are some general guidelines that apply to everyone:

- Volunteers and children will have their temperatures taken and will be asked health screening questions before check in. Temperatures must be below 100°.
- Volunteers and children will wash their hands upon entering the classroom and will be required to wear masks at all times. Hand sanitizer will also be available.
- Classes will have a cap on attendance. The largest cap is 15 for the K-5<sup>th</sup> class. Families will be asked to register beforehand to secure a spot. Registration is not required but walk-in attendees will be limited to remaining availability and may not be able to participate that week if the class is full.
- Children will be seated 6 ft. apart.
- We will provide children with their own supplies. Items such markers, pens, etc. will not be shared.
- Water fountains will not be available for use, but we will provide single use water bottles to those who want them.
- Any games or activities will need to maintain social distancing and allow for children to keep masks on.
- The Kids Store will remain closed until further notice and we will not be handing out Kids Bucks. We are currently working on creating another incentive system.

You should also know that March 21<sup>st</sup> marks the launch of our staggered reopening. That means we will not open all classes to begin with, but will add more as needed. We are starting Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> with our Kids Church (K-5<sup>th</sup>) class only. Younger age groups will be added, when possible, as follows:

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

We are excited to see the kids' faces and yours too, or at least the part above your mask. As you can see, not all of you will be scheduled to serve right away, but we hope to be able to add the additional classes as quickly as possible. If you are unable to continue helping in Shoreline Kids and need to be removed from the leaders list, please contact Pastor Sean. If you are still wanting to serve in Shoreline Kids, but are not comfortable returning to in person gatherings right now, we understand. We just ask that you communicate and let us know if you are unable to volunteer at this time.

One final note. I have received some questions from leaders asking if they will be required to show proof they have been vaccinated before returning to serve. I would encourage vaccination, especially for those of you in more vulnerable demographics or multigenerational house holds, but it is not a requirement to serve. Masks, social distancing, following the guidelines of Shoreline Kids, and loving Jesus are... oh, and background checks too!

THANK YOU all for your commitment to Shoreline Kids.

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