



COVID-19 Guidance Phase I of Re-entry

Shiloh Baptist Church

SHILOH KIDZ Infant and Toddler Nursery Ministry

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Shiloh KIDZ Infant and Toddler Nursery Care

- This Ministry is the first Children's Ministry at Shiloh; serving children, age 6 weeks to 3 and a half years
- The Ministry is Congregate Unlicensed Care During Worship or Religious Assembly While Parents/Caregivers Remain on Site –Minnesota DHS Definition
- For Ultimate Health, Safety and Wellness, the Nursery's weekly care practices are based on the Minnesota Department of Human Services- COVID-19 Child Care Guidelines-<http://mn.gov/mmb/childcare/>
- We started with ensuring that all Nursery staff are certified in Infant and Child First Aid and CPR; also all Nursery staff has successfully completed a Minnesota Background Check designed for Child Protection workers in Minnesota

Maintaining Current Health, Safety and Well-being Standards

- Shiloh Baptist Church value the health, safety and well-being for its members-parents, families and children
- From the onset of opening, Nursery Care standards were designed to ensure ongoing care and the safest experiences for children.
- These standards have been vetting through DHS and several Shiloh church members who work in licensed child care centers. Safety and health posters and basic information are posted in the Nursery rooms.

Basic Operating Procedures for Health, Safety and Well-being

Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- Hand hygiene equipment will be set up at the entrance of the Nursery so that parents, children and staff can clean and sanitize their hands before entering the Nursery space.
- Parents/caregivers will continue to sign in and sign out all children at the door without entering the Nursery space
- The Nursery staff will assist with sign up and sign out to ensure staggering of the number of persons at the entrance at one time. Please only bring the child who is entering the Nursery only
- The same parent/caregiver or designated person is required to drop off and pick up the child. The staff will continue to practice the minimum standard of social distancing between parents/caregivers and children

Basic Operating Procedures

Screening Children Upon Arrival

- In the spirit of Christian Love and Fellowship, we are charged to ensure health, safety and wellness of the children, Nursery staff and the Church Congregation, The Nursery staff will screen all children upon arrival
- First, Nursery staff will make a visual inspection of all children for signs of illness.
- Second, Nursery staff will ask each parent/guardian to confirm that the child does not have fever, shortness of breath or cough, or other symptoms of illness.
- Parents/caregivers should be on the alert for signs of illness in their children and to keep them home when they are sick. If screened and found to present symptoms of illness, the child will not be allowed to enter the Nursery for that day.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Nursery Space, Toys and Equipment

- Shiloh Ministry is very blessed to have one of the best cleaning engineers. These staff members provides excellent care and details to the upkeep and cleanliness of the Nursery floors, sinks, bathrooms and walls each week.
- Nursery Staff follow the basic child care cleaning policies outlined in DHS-Health, Safety and Wellness Guidelines and Standards
- Nursery staff disinfect large equipment(chairs, tables, swings, riding toys,etc.) each week before leaving the building. We will also use additional times during Nursery care to also disinfect areas.
- The Nursery Coordinators take home all clothing, blankets, cups, bibs, bedding and mouth toys each week for electric dishwasher and washer/dryer sanitation procedures.
- All of these practices are current and will remain as ongoing health and safety measures.

Diapering and Toileting Procedures

- In consideration for health and safety standards for diapering infants and toddlers, the guidelines have remained the same; emphasized placed on handwashing for both the Nursery care provider and the child and sanitation of the diapering area.
- In consideration for licensing standards for toileting for toddlers and early preschoolers, the guidelines have also remained the same; emphasis places on handwashing; sanitation and close supervision.

Washing, Feeding, or Holding a Child

- New standard as outlined by DHS for COVID-19-Nursery Care providers will wash their hands, neck, and other areas touched by a child's secretions; the same practice will be for children as well.
- Infants, toddlers, and Nursery Care providers should have a change of clothes on hand in case of incidents of exposure to secretions
- Nursery Care providers will wash their hands before and after handling bottles/cups/food/snacks being served; children hands and face will also be washed before feeding and holding

Other.....

- All parents/caregivers are asked to keep their personal cell phones on vibrate while attending church services in case of an emergency
- If a child presents as being sick or there is an emergency, Nursery staff will text the parent/caregivers to come immediately to the Nursery
- Special consideration will have to be made for children in need of specialized care- ie: children with Special Needs Diagnosis that is manageable through Nursery care on a case by case bases
- These guidelines may be changed and updated based the ongoing recommendations from Minnesota DHS and Federal CDC