

Children's Ministry Event/Gathering Guidelines and Liability Release

The purpose of these guidelines is to assure the health and safety of staff, church members and the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines are intended to reduce the chances of disease transmission when people are together in an outdoor setting. References from national, state and local public health resources were used to develop the guidelines. We want to err on the side of love for our neighbor and ask everyone for patience, grace and flexibility as we navigate these challenges.

As Children's & Family Ministry Director, I will be responsible to make sure that 25 or less people are allowed in outdoor settings either on church property or not. I am responsible for assuring that the participants follow the personal and group guidelines regardless of the outdoor location. I will take special care against the rise of any stigma that may be associated with people who choose not to attend the event or choose to wear or not wear a mask. A roster of the names of the people who attended the event will be kept for at least 3 weeks following the event. The church building will remain closed so there will be no access to the building for restrooms during any event at the church. Singing and the use of wind instruments are not allowed. All participants are strongly urged to wear a face mask. Face masks are required if social distancing cannot be consistently maintained. Extra clean cloth or disposable face masks will be made available in case a participant forgets to bring his or hers. Hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol content will be available for use. I will do my best to make sure of social distancing of 6 feet or more between participants. There should be no sharing of food, beverages, chairs, Bibles, hymnals, and other items during the event.

Guidelines for Participants:

1. Before coming to the event, self-screen yourself for current illness. Do not attend if you are currently ill, you have been asked to quarantine by a health care provider or if you are a person at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness.
2. You are expected to follow and support the directions and guidance from the event leaders.
3. Bring your own chair or blanket for seating.
4. Bring your own food and beverages as there will be no sharing of food or beverages.
5. Bring a face mask to wear in case you cannot consistently maintain social distance during the event. Children are not required to wear facemasks.
6. An adult must accompany elementary school-age children
7. Do not carpool to the event. Only the same people in a household are recommended to travel together in a car. If it is *absolutely necessary* to carpool, limit it to 2 people in the car and have the windows open. Do not recirculate the inside air with air conditioning or vents. Occupants must wear face masks.
8. Please be prepared that nearby restrooms may not be available during the event.

I understand the guidelines stated above and release Our Savior's Lutheran Church of any liability due to being exposed to or contracting Covid-19.

Child/Children Name(s) _____

Parent Name Printed _____

Parent's Signature _____