



Student Ministry

Middle School & High School

Effective Sunday, November 1, 2020

What You Need to Know

We are so glad that Grace Youth is gathering again in the building! We knew this ministry year wouldn't be like our normal gathering back, so we spent a great deal of time in the summer thoroughly planning for what this upcoming year would look like. We knew that we needed a plan in place to not only help our students grow in their faith and build relationships, but also to keep them healthy and safe in our care.

While we have done our part, ultimately it is the choice of families whether or not to allow their students to return. We don't want anyone to feel forced or rushed to return back. Each family should do what's best for their situation. Our Grace Youth services will be streamed every Wednesday starting at 7:25PM at bit.ly/GYlive. We are also working out how to get each student who's joining online engaged with a small group to help them start or continue building relationships in Grace Youth.

Reporting Exposure

If a student, staff member, family member, or volunteer shows symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive, our contact tracing procedures will be implemented. The first step is to contact our Executive Administrator, Dorothea Copus at dcopus@gracewired.com or 313.447.0663. Our next steps will be based on the guidance of the local health department.

When communicating with families and staff about any COVID -19 cases, we will respect the privacy of individuals and not share health information of a specific person.

Returning After Experiencing Symptoms and/or Positive COVID -19 Tests

- Staff members, volunteers, and students may return if they have been completely free of all symptoms (without medication) for at least 72 hours. If they tested positive, they will need to show a negative test result as well.
- Staff members, volunteers, and students who were exposed to someone with the virus are expected to quarantine at home for 14 days and be symptom-free in order to return.

TEN HEALTHY HABITS:

1. Doors will open up at 7PM (instead of 6:30.)
2. Each student will be checked in by a volunteer or small group leader to reduce the amount of touching on the check-in screens.
3. To reduce the number of bodies in one area we will be splitting up middle school and high school for the before-service hangouts. Middle schoolers will be gathering and having fun down in Theater B, while high schoolers will be chilling and chatting in the Café. Both groups will gather together for worship and teaching in the sanctuary.
4. Students must wear a mask from when they enter the building until they get to their designated gathering area. They must wear a mask whenever transitioning between different areas and whenever they are less than six feet from another person.
5. Any time students have to sneeze or cough, they should do it into their elbow.
6. Students must sanitize hands after leaving and entering any designated area. Sanitizer stations will be positioned nearby.
7. Once inside the sanctuary, students must sit in every other seat and every other row. For consistency, we are asking that everyone practice this habit, even if you are siblings or really good friends.
8. Please do not share any open drinks or snacks.
9. Whoever is picking up a student(s) needs to arrive at Grace by 8:50PM in order for the students to leave promptly at 9PM. This will allow our facilities team to start disinfecting and putting the room back in order in a timely manner.
10. Please stay home if you are feeling sick, have a temperature, or have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

Disclaimer

We take the greatest care to safeguard our guests, however participation in services and events is voluntary and your health is your own responsibility. By attending, you are acknowledging the inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19. You and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold Grace Community Church or any of its elders, employees, agents, contractors or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.