

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Children's Ministry at Calvary Chapel Surprise is dedicated to providing a comfortable, safe and healthy environment in which you and your children can fellowship and worship.

Over the past several weeks the coronavirus, aka COVID-19 has been a topic of growing concern in our country and around the world. We here in the office have been closely monitoring multiple information sources in order to stay up to date on the status of this virus in our state.

We take the health of you, our CCS family, very seriously and want to let you know what measures we are taking to address this situation and raise awareness and caution.

These measures are in no way meant to cause alarm or fear. On the contrary. It is our prayer that these measures will alleviate some concerns so we can continue to worship and fellowship together.

Last week I sent out an email reiterating our policies for a healthy environment during any flu season. These policies include:

1. Hand sanitizer use
2. Monitoring children for signs of sickness
3. Not allowing check in to children who are noticeably ill
4. Disinfecting all toys and tables after each service.

We have also put additional practices in place to specifically address the concern of the spread of COVID-19. These include:

1. All volunteers must wash their hands before working with the children
2. We have installed handwashing timers in the children's restrooms to ensure proper washing time of 20 seconds
3. Made hand sanitizer available at all check in areas
4. More frequent disinfecting of toys by both heat and disinfectant
5. Wiping down all keyboards, mouse, door handles and door plates before each service.
6. Encouraging fist bumps and waves rather than handshakes and hugs
7. Raised awareness and questions if any child seems sick or we have known them to be sick in the recent past
8. Are monitoring the local health departments in order to maintain up to date information

The information that we are receiving from CDC and others is that the virus is able to be wiped off. This is a piece of good news and why we are making a concentrated effort to use disinfecting wipes to wipe down all areas regularly touched by others during services.

The ADHS is also recommending ways to boost our immune system so that we can stay as healthy as possible. These include:

1. Getting enough rest
2. Eating healthy and avoiding sugars and junk foods
3. Drinking plenty of water
4. Practicing good hygiene, washing hands regularly, etc

As we walk through this time together let us remember that in everything the Lord wants to and will give us peace. The world would have us in a panic, but in the midst of trials and fear, we can have the peace that only He gives.

*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. John 14:27 NASB*

Please reach out to us if we can offer any prayer support or answer any questions you may have. We are here to help in any way we can.

As always, it is a pleasure and JOY to know you and serve you. I hope to see you very soon as we worship together.

With prayers, your sister in Christ,

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