

Rules and Standards for Attending Summer Youth Ministry Events

Background

Per the guidance of the Governor's office, we are allowed to safely operate summer recreation activities in both the yellow and green phases. While we recognize that this can be done in a safe and effective manner, there are rules and standards which are non-negotiable for attendance to our events. It would be reckless for us to open and maintain unsafe environments. Please be sure that you read over the following information and make note that there are some actions that need to be taken on your behalf. Furthermore, if you aren't interested in meeting in person yet, or you cannot abide by the guidelines feel free to join us virtually on Sunday afternoons for youth group.

You can read more about the Governor's guidelines at:

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/wolf-administration-releases-summer-camp-and-recreation-guidance/>

Environment

Per studies, it seems at this moment that the safest place to conduct Bible Studies is outdoors. We have two locations in which that will occur.

- In both instances, students will be responsible for bringing their own camp chair or something to sit on (blanket, etc).
- Gov. guidance mandates that all staff and volunteers will be required to wear a mask at all times throughout the event. However, students are not required to do so. PLEASE MAKE SURE you come with a mask however. It is still strongly recommended that if you cannot maintain social distance.
- Bathrooms will only be available at the High School Bible Study site. They will be cleaned before the event and also directly after. Students must use hand sanitizer before using the facility and must wash hands after using the restroom. We recommend using your own bathroom before coming to the event even if one is available onsite so we can limit the use.
- Upon arrival, from that point on, social distance of 6ft. must be maintained as much as possible. This means, no rough housing, no hugs, no games that require close or physical contact.
- Also, upon arrival, you will need to use hand sanitizer which will be provided.
- There will be no food sharing at any events unless from First Pres youth ministry directly.

In the ideal scenario, students arrive at the site, maintain social distance and use hand sanitizer before setting up their chair or blanket. Upon doing so, they are ready for Bible Study. They have the option of wearing a mask, but it is not required (unless adult staff or volunteer). At a certain point, they realize they are going to be in a situation that they cannot maintain social distance so they quickly put their mask on. At the end of the event, everyone waits where they

are seated until they are called upon to leave so as to stagger pick-up times and maintain distance.

Rules for Attending Event

- Signing up for each given week by noon on the day of.
 - o While we do not anticipate passing the maximum of 25, we must be sure that we are not surprised in this area.
- Marking a box on the above form that states that you have asked your youth if they have felt sick in the past 24 hours with symptoms of COVID-19 before attending a youth event. While we cannot regulate, we recommend you take your youth's temperature before attending events.
- You may not attend a youth event until you are cleared by the PA Department of Health's standards in the following areas.
 - o You or someone in your household have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not cleared the rules for returning to public events.
 - o You or someone in your household have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results.
 - o You or someone in your household have symptoms that align with a COVID-19 diagnosis.
 - o You or someone in your household has come in contact with someone who has COVID-19 (In other words, you or someone in your family has been contact traced.)
- You must abide by the following precautions in order to attend an event
 - o You must self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms before arriving at the event. Please stay home if you are feeling sick in any way.
 - o You will bring your own seat (chair/blanket)
 - o You will use hand sanitizer provided when arriving at events
 - o You will maintain social distance as best as possible
 - o You will bring a mask for times which you cannot.
 - o You will beware that others may not be as comfortable as you are, and you will err on the side of caution in all interactions.

Wavier Statement

I (Parent) understand the following disclaimer: As with the use of any public or other facility outside of the home, use of First Pres Youth Ministry Events may expose you/your child to the COVID-19 virus. Your decision to attend/your child to attend Youth Ministry Events and abiding by published safety is made knowingly and voluntarily by you with the full knowledge of this risk. Your use of FPCYM Event Facilities constitutes a waiver which releases First Pres Youth Ministry and Event Sites from any and all liability with respect to exposure of the COVID-19 virus. If you disagree with this waiver, please do not attend First Pres Youth Ministry Events and Event Sites.