Safety Procedures in Religious Education due to Covid-19

St. Anastasia Parish

Classrooms, restrooms, common areas

Prior to student arrival, each space to be used for religious education will be disinfected in the same way the parish disinfects its worship space. This would include all surfaces, door handles, desks.

Student textbooks will remain at the parish for the student to use each week. Common materials such as markers, crayons, scissors…will be individually packaged for each child.

Social Distancing

Social distancing has been proven to be an effective way to prevent potential infection. We will maintain the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommended distance of 6 feet from one another to eliminate and minimize any contact with one another whenever possible.

Masks or Face Shields

For the safety of all involved in the programs here at St. Anastasia Parish, children and volunteers are required to wear masks or a face shield. The only time this covering may be removed is when the presenter or catechist is giving a lesson.

Screening and Protocols

Volunteers:

To help prevent the spread of Covid-19 and to reduce the risk of exposure to all on our parish campus, we will require those coming to volunteer for religious education to self-screen with the following symptoms:

Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Chills
Muscle pain
Headache
Sore throat
Loss of taste or smell
Diarrhea
Fever of 100.4 or above
Known contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
A person who has traveled outside the area over the last two weeks.

The temperature of all volunteers will be taken prior to their entry into the buildings. This will be done with a contactless infrared forehead thermometer. Adults or teens with a temperature of 100.4 or above will not be admitted and will need to be sent back home. If a diagnosis of Covid 19 is made, this person cannot return for a 2-week quarantine period.

All staff and volunteers will wear masks or a face shield, except if they are presenting the lesson.

Students:

To help prevent the spread of Covid-19 and to reduce the risk of exposure to all on our parish campus, we will require those coming for religious education classes to self-screen with the following symptoms:

Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Chills
Muscle pain
Headache
Sore throat
Loss of taste or smell
Diarrhea
Fever of 100.4 or above
Known contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
A person who has traveled outside the area over the last two weeks.

The temperature of all students will be taken prior to their entry into the buildings. This will be done with a contactless infrared forehead thermometer. Children with a temperature of 100.4 or above will remain with the parents.

Regarding carpooling to and from religious education: caution should be strongly recommended on this practice, but it is up to the parent to discern the safety of this practice for their children.

We will restrict restroom breaks for emergencies only. Please be sure your child uses the restroom before coming to class.

To eliminate the use of the water fountain, students are allowed to bring a small water bottle – 4-8 ounces - with them to class.