

**Christ Church Cathedral
Mobile, Alabama**

**Nursery Covid-19 Protocols
November 2020**

Goal: To provide nursery care during worship on Sundays that is as safe and healthy as possible. The protocols will necessarily be strict for the well-being of the children and the staff.

Nursery Norms:

Nursery will at first be limited to 6 children/infants.

All children will be three-years-old or younger.

Before dropping a child for the first time, parents will complete and sign a nursery registration form and a note stating they have read and understand the protocols.

A Sign-Up Genius form will be sent early in the week for the following Sunday. Sign-up will close automatically when all spots are filled. Sign-up will offer staggered arrival times to allow for social distancing.

We will have two staff members scheduled to assist with check-in. We will have the same nursery staff each week. Volunteers are not allowed in the nursery.

All nursery staff will wear a mask properly at all times. Three-year olds may wear a mask. Children age 2 and under will not wear masks.

Nursery staff will wear long-sleeved smocks during nursery. Soiled smocks will be removed and placed in a designated hamper for washing after church.

Nursery staff will wear gloves when handling children's food, drink, and diaper changes.

Nursery conditions:

Intensify cleaning and disinfecting the area.

Ensure safe and correct application of cleaning products and disinfectants.

Keep cleaning products and disinfectants stored away and out of reach of children, with disinfectant wipes on hand in the nursery for wiping down door handles, faucets, tables, toys, and frequently touched areas.

The nursery will be isolated. No one will enter the nursery at any time except registered children and the nursery staff. One Cathedral employee will clean.

No cloth play items are allowed in the Nursery. Toys that cannot be cleaned and sanitized will not be used.

There will be a bin for toys that have been used. They will either be wiped by nursery staff or cleaned after nursery is over. Large toys (like the rocking horse) will be wiped with Clorox wipes after each use. A bucket filled with soapy water will be outside the nursery where toys that children have placed in their mouths or that are otherwise contaminated may be washed, air dried, then sanitized by a person wearing gloves.

Hand washing or child-friendly sanitizer "Magic Soap" will be used several times during nursery for both staff and children. Keep hand sanitizer out of children's reach and supervise use.

Children's books and other paper-based materials are not considered a high risk for transmission and do not need additional cleaning or disinfection procedures.

Allow for all nursery children to have 6 feet of play space, and rocking chairs should be 6 feet apart.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Cleaning products should not be used near children, and staff should ensure that there is adequate ventilation when using these products.

Cover coughs and sneezes.

Only disposable diapers will be used in the nursery.

Drop Off and Pick-Up: (Christ Church Cathedral will depend on parents to take temperatures prior to arrival.)

Communicate to parents the importance of keeping children home when they are sick.

The staff designated as nursery greeter will wear a mask and gloves, and both parent and child will wash their hands at the sink in the servery before being signed-in.

One parent will bring the child to the nursery door for drop off. Only parents may drop off and pick-up children.

Parents will report on the health of the child at check-in, including the temperature taken that morning prior to coming to church. Children with a temperature of 100.4⁰ (38.0⁰C) or over will not be admitted. Parents will confirm that the child does not have fever, shortness of breath or cough. Staff will make a visual inspection of the child for signs of illness which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing, fatigue, or extreme fussiness.

The nursery greeter will wash hands and disinfect anything touched by the previous parent before welcoming another child.

The report, including the temperature, will be recorded on the sign-in sheet.

No backpacks. All of the child's items should be in a large Ziplock bag with their name written on it. Please include a change of clothes.

Infants may be transported in their car seats, but car seats will be stored in the hallway outside the nursery out of children's reach.

Parents picking up children should wait at designated socially distant spaces until their child is brought to the nursery door.

Changing Diapers:

Prepare to change a diaper by washing hands and putting on gloves.

Clean the child and dispose of the soiled diaper and wipes.

Wash the child's hands.

After diapering, wash your hands (even if you were wearing gloves) and disinfect the diapering area with a fragrance-free bleach that is EPA-registered as a sanitizing or disinfecting solution.

Replace the disposable changing pad.

Follow the CDC diagram for changing diapers.

Washing, Feeding, or Holding a Child

It is important to comfort crying, sad, and/or anxious infants and toddlers, and they often need to be held.

Nursery staff will wear clean smocks, and wear long hair up off the collar in a ponytail or other updo. Smocks that become soiled with a child's secretions will be changed. Soiled smocks should be placed in the dirty clothes bin.

Nursery staff should wash their hands, neck, and anywhere touched by a child's secretions.

Nursery staff should change the child's clothes if secretions are on the child's clothes, and wash their hands again.

Contaminated clothes should be placed in a plastic bag and be placed in the child's bag.
Nursery staff will wash their hands before and after handling infant bottles prepared at home.

When Nursery is over:

Nursery staff will wash, disinfect, and put away toys. (Books and papers do not require special cleaning unless they went into a child's mouth.) Toys may be placed in a container to be machine washed.

If someone becomes sick in Nursery:

Staff should be vigilant for symptoms of illness in children. If any symptoms exist the parent will be paged immediately to remove the sick child from the nursery. Conversely, if a staff member begins to feel ill, they should immediately remove themselves from the nursery.

Follow CDC guidance on disinfecting the nursery if someone becomes sick:

Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the areas.

Wait up to 24 hours or as long as possible before you clean or disinfect to allow respiratory droplets to settle before cleaning and disinfecting. Use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label.

Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, and common areas.

If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.