



## **Grace Alive Kids *Phase 1***

*Only Preschool Classes for ages 2-5 years old*

Relaunching Grace Alive Kids continues to maximize our options so that we can maximize our unity. Friends, there is so much grace for everyone during this season, and we want you to feel confident dropping your kids off with us if you decide to return. So, we understand that not everyone will feel comfortable returning right away, and that's okay. We pray that nothing in this season will divide us as we Relaunch Grace Alive Kids Phase 1. We will remain sensitive and understanding to your response to return to kid's ministry.

The Grace Alive Kids team will continue to reach the generation with sharing the gospel, partner with your family in discipleship, provide a safe environment, and have fun while we do it! We will be implementing volunteer procedures and using proper cleaning guidelines to help maintain a safe environment during this time.

***Here are COVID-19 Guidelines for Grace Alive Kids we want parents to be aware of as your family returns:***

1. We will ask everyone to **pre-register online** child(ren) that will participate in kids' ministry. Pre-registration will open up every Tuesday at 1pm. The link will be accessible via bi-weekly email and website.
2. The number of children in each classroom space will be limited based on ratio of volunteers. That's why pre-registration will be important. We will have registration available onsite if we have space in that classroom.
3. We ask that **all adults entering the kid's area wear a mask**. We are asking our volunteers to wear masks as they serve your kids as well.
4. **By state guideline, we are not requiring children age 5 and under to wear mask**. We will leave that up to the parent's personal choice if they want their child to have a mask on. We will have children's masks available if you should want one for your child(ren.) Ask for a mask at kids check-in.
5. Upon entering the building, **temperatures will be taken** to screen for sickness.
6. All **check-ins** will be done by a kid's team volunteer, to avoid multiple people touching surface for check-in.
7. In order to decrease the number of people in the kid's lobby, we ask that **only one parent** enter the Kids area for drop-off and pick-up, and that the same parent does it both times.
8. Tables, chairs, and doorknobs will be wiped down before, during and after services.
9. We will not have junior volunteers serving in phase 1. All teachers will be 18 years and older.
10. Phase 1 classrooms will be ages 2-3 and 4-5 and they will be split up into different classrooms to help with age appropriation and volunteer ratios in each room.
11. Changing tables will be wiped down and a new pad put on between each use.
12. We will not be providing snacks. However, if you prefer, you may provide a labeled snack and cup for your child.
13. Please **label all personal items** your child may bring with them and keep these items to a minimum.

14. The number of toys will be decreased in each room. During playtime, each child will have a bin with a few toys for each kid and will be cleaned after each service. **Note: that any toy that may go into a child's mouth will go into a mesh bag that will be hanging up in each class and properly cleaned after service.**
15. As we look to worship, have fun, and keep kids safe, we will use creative zoning for our kids to enjoy their time together. Color zoning and lettering will be marked on the floor to help children stay an acceptable distance from one another.

Friends, we are cautious, but also celebratory as Christ is still reigning and with us through these times. May our hearts be filled with remembrance of Christ sufficient grace to sustain and keep us unified and resting in His provision and protection.

We will continue to communicate information and updates as needed. As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out. We can't wait to be together again soon!

**In Christ,  
Your Grace Alive Kids Team**



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### *Volunteer Guidelines*

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## Classroom Procedures

### Classroom Ages/ Grouping

- All teachers will be 18 years and older.
- We will not have junior volunteers serving in phase 1.
- Phase 1 classrooms will be ages 2-3 and 4-5 and they will be split up into different classrooms to help with age appropriation and volunteer ratios in each room.
- Preschool worship will take place in each age defined classroom. We will not combine ages 2-3 and 4-5. There will be designated zones/spots for each kid to play and sit.

### Classroom Safety

- All volunteers will receive a temperature check upon arriving in the Kid's building to screen for sickness.
- Masks are required to be worn by each volunteer.
- Teacher student ratio for ages 2-3 will start with 1:2 and ages 4-5 will start at 1:4. This is subject to change based on how the first few weeks play out.
- Please keep all personal items to a minimum because they will be stored in the cabinets.
- Note: By state guideline, we are not requiring children age 5 and under to wear mask. We will leave that up to the parent's personal choice if they want their child(ren) to have a mask on. We will have children's masks available if parent should want one for their child(ren.) Children's masks will be available at kids check-in.

### Lessons and Teaching

- All required teaching material for each service will be labeled.
- The teacher of the week will serve as lead teacher of the classroom while the other teacher aids assist kids in their sitting and play zones.
- The lesson activities will be adjusted to avoid kids having contact with each other as much as possible and materials will change and be minimum to reduce the amount of use of too many materials.

- We will use creative zoning for our kids to enjoy their time together. Color zoning and lettering will be marked on the floor to help children stay an acceptable distance from one another.

### **Snacks and Food Items**

- Water fountains will be covered.
- Grace Alive Kids Ministry will not be handing out snacks.
- All snacks will be provided by the parent at the discretion of the parent to provide a label snack and cup label.
- Volunteers must wear gloves when handling drinks or snacks for the kids.

### **Cleanliness and Sanitation**

- Hand washing and proper sanitizing products will be used regularly.
- Tables, chairs, and doorknobs will be wiped down before, during and after services.
- Changing tables will be wiped down and a new pad put on between each use.
- Diapers and wipes will be in the cabinets instead of out on the diaper changing tables.
- There will be a drawstring bag in each room. If anything goes in a mouth, it is to be put into the drawstring bag to be disinfected later.
- There will be a bin of toys for the service for each child. They will need to be cleaned and sanitized after service. Also, at the end of service please, properly clean and sanitize any toys that are in the mesh bag that's used for toys have been in a child's mouth.

### **Registration Check In/Out**

- There is one entrance (glass doors/kids lobby check-in area) and there is one exit (double doors leading back into the breeze way. Please do not let anyone in through the exit doors.
- All kids' volunteers will need to check in at the Kids Check-in to screen health.
- We are asking parents to label anything they will be sending with their child.
- All check-ins will be done by a Kids team volunteer, to avoid multiple people touching the surface for check-in.
- Sign in sheets for ages 5 and under will be filled out by one volunteer. At drop-off, please use the same process by asking if there is anything we need to know or be aware of as you fill out the child's name. Write any notes on sign in sheets as needed.
- We are asking only one parent enter the Kids area for drop-off and pick-up, and that the same parent does it both times in order to decrease the number of people in the kid's lobby.
- For pick-up, the parent will need to show their barcoded tag at the kids' entrance. One parent will be let into the kid's area for pick-up of child(ren.) When parent gets to the classroom, they will need to give their barcoded tag to the volunteer of that classroom in order to pick up child(ren.)
- Make sure you have given the parent all of the items that belong to the child(ren.) After pick-up, please direct family toward the proper exit doors.