

Little Lambs COVID-19 Health Plan

Note: This is a living document that will change as best practices emerge and/or as greater discretion is allowed.

Maintaining A Healthy Environment

Use of Facial Masks

- *Facial masks will be required over mouth and nose during the entire session (from check in through the checkout) for students, staff and volunteers. Facial shields as an option for volunteers is pending approval.*

Attendance

- *Parents must notify Little Lambs if their child will be absent and the reason for it. (630.600.5049 or littlelambs@elmhurstcrc.org) This information will be documented and remain confidential.*
- *If a child does not check in for their Little Lambs session, and we have not been notified, the parents will be called and we will document the reason for the child's absence. This information will remain confidential.*

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- *Disinfecting wipes will be available*
- *Hand sanitizer will be present in all Little Lambs rooms and available in other areas of the church*
- *Intensified cleanings before the ministry meets and between all sessions*

Coat Room

- *The downstairs coat room will be closed. Parents will be asked to leave their child's outerwear in their car at drop-off.*

Children's Library

- *The downstairs Children's Library will be closed.*

Living Tree Play Area

- *The downstairs play area will be closed to all (including volunteers' children).*

Session Size (Tues, Wed AM, Wed AFT, Thu):

- 30-50 persons (**including** volunteers) This will be your child's contact "bubble".

Small Group Size:

- Groups of 18 or fewer for Music, Free Play, and Crafts (**including** volunteers)
- Groups of 9 or fewer for Bible and Creative Learning classrooms (**including** volunteers)

Maintaining Healthy Operations During a Session

Check In

- Parents will drive up to the west wing doors under the overhang. A Little Lambs staff member will take the student's temperature at the car while parents confirm that their child does not have any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed on the sandwich boards.
- Once the child is cleared, they will exit their car without their coat and with their mask on and be escorted by the Little Lambs staff member inside to stand on a social distanced carpet dot in the church.
- A volunteer runner will find the student's name button, and put it on them. The runner will take a group of children down the main stairs and to the correct room where another volunteer will receive them.
- Parent volunteers ONLY may park in the west parking lot and then walk to the temperature taker read and respond to the COVID-19 symptoms checklist and get their temperature checked along with their children.
- Those volunteers or children with temperatures 100.0 degrees and higher will have an option to be rechecked within 5 minutes or will be required to go home.
- All students and volunteers will sanitize their hands as they enter into church.

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Shared Objects

- *Students will only share objects with their session.*
- *Items used for a session will either be disinfected, set aside for a week between sessions, or discarded.*

Modified Layouts

- *Children will sit in the spaced apart chairs or on the designated rug shapes in the Bible, Creative Learning, Music and Craft rooms.*
- *Children will have specific paths to walk from room to room.*
- *Stickers will be used instead of hand stamps in Bible and Creative Learning rooms.*
- *Children will use hand sanitizer when they line up to move to the next room.*
- *Children will sit with their small group on the designated rug shapes for Wrap-up (large group) time at the end of the session.*
- *Birthdays will still be celebrated at wrap-up, but no blowing out candles.*
- *Wrap-up will be shortened 5 minutes to accommodate new check out procedures*

Snack

- *There will not be a snack time for the first semester. Water cups will be available upon request.*

Check Out

- *Volunteer teachers will escort the children upstairs to line up in their groups along the labeled lines in the lobby. Bins of craft bags will be by the labeled lines.*
- *Parents will drive up to the west wing doors under the overhang, show the large pick-up ID card by their car window (labeled with their child's name and group) to a Little Lambs staff member who will radio to a volunteer runner inside. The runner will notify the group teacher who will take off the nametag button, give the child their craft bag and then the runner will escort the child out to the correct car.*

Options for Learning

- *A virtual learning option is available for the same cost (\$130/year) for students at a higher risk of severe illness or for those families that want to limit their risk of exposure. Craft supplies and other take-home materials will be available in bins under the west parking lot overhang for*

parents to pick up. Registration for this option is online at elmhurstcrc.org/littlelambs. If you want to switch to this option from the previously registered in-person option, email littlelambs@elmhurstcrc.org.

COVID-19 Notification to Parents

- *If there is a positive case of a Little Lambs student or volunteer, all Little Lambs families will be notified. The identity of the positive case will be kept confidential.*
- *If there is a positive case in a Little Lambs family, the Little Lambs student from that family may not attend Little Lambs until the positive case is cleared.*
- *DuPage County Health Department (630.682.7400) will be notified if there is a positive case of a Little Lambs student or volunteer.*
- *We will follow the programmatic recommendations of the DuPage County Health Department for the next steps including possible temporary closing.*
- *If a child gets sick while Little Lambs is in session, they will be quarantined in the Lambs staff room until they can be picked up by the parent.*

When To Stay Home

- *Any children or volunteers showing signs of illness, such as cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, must notify the Little Lambs Director (630.600.5049 or littlelambs@elmhurstcrc.org) and stay home.*
- *Any child or leader with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher must stay home until they are without a fever for at least 48 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen).*
- *Children and leaders must notify Little Lambs and stay home if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.*