



Greetings and welcome back!!

As we draw closer to the start of a new school year, every year at this time we become excited to see what is in store for the programs/ministries at Emmanuel and how God will use individuals within these programs/ministries to further His kingdom. This year, though different,

excitement remains the same. We look forward to getting back with the youth and sharing the good news of Jesus with them and watching their lives change.

After meeting with the leadership teams for both Jr and Sr High, I wanted to make you aware of how this year will operate and the list of safety precautions.

1. Safety is key. We know that with the restriction and concerns in this world we will do our part to ensure the youth and leaders are safe. The teams have committed to do the following.

a. Enhanced screening during each youth night and event

i. Answer (no) to a list of questions (which will be posted)

- 1. Do you feel ill today or believe you have a fever?**
- 2. Are you displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 that are different from other illnesses?**
- 3. Have you travelled or had close contact with anyone that has travelled in the past 14 days?**
- 4. Have you had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of Covid-19 in the past 14 days?**
- 5. Has your health care provider advised you to self-isolate in the past 14 days?**

ii. Registration - each night

iii. Cleaning (hand sanitizing stations)

iv. Social distancing

v. Masks are mandatory for all staff and youth while in the building or in cars

Vi. Signed waiver must be returned in order for students to attend youth nights and events. This is a one time document needing to be signed.

b. In the likelihood that a student or leader arrives ill, they will be asked to leave and monitor their symptoms.

i. Parents will be notified that youth could not attend

2. Building usage

a. Both programs will utilize outdoor activities while the weather permits

i. Bathrooms are an exception and students will use the bathrooms by youth room

b. Once inside due to weather

i. Jr High and Sr High

1. Will use the main auditorium for opening and sessions (depending on the numbers)

2. Use the gym for activities/games

3. Students will arrive and enter the building using underpass doors

a. Doors will be open for screening and registration from 6:45-7:15

b. Doors will be locked and those who are late will not be able to enter (unless previously informed)

3. Program start dates and times

a. Jr High – September 22, 2020 and will run weekly as per normal 6:45pm – 8:30pm

- b. Sr High – September 14, 2020 and will run weekly as per normal 6:45pm – 8:30pm

4. Parent update

- a. A letter will be sent out to the parents, via social media, database and website outlining our enhanced screening and precautions
- b. There will be monthly newsletter sent to parents

5. Events – As of right now, most events will not take place as they once did. We have begun to brainstorm ideas that will allow for gatherings to take place outside of these walls. All safety precaution will be followed

6. Snack time – this clearly will need to change this year. These snacks will be distributed by our staff and will be individualized packaging.

Bottom line is this. We will be doing our part to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of our youth just like we have always done before and continue to do.

If there are any questions please let us know.

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