



Truro, Nova Scotia

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Subject: Safety guidelines for re-opening K-Life (children aged 2- grade 6).

It is the goal of The Peoples Church to give the opportunity to families during the Covid- 19 Pandemic to have a “safe as possible” re-entry into our children’s programs. Our K-Life program gives children an opportunity to be with others and learn about God and His amazing love. We love your kids and want them to be as safe as possible. The plan going forward will give multiple layers of safety for this aspect of our ministry.

Before coming to church, parents will need to evaluate their child(ren), and ministry volunteers evaluate themselves, by using the Covid- 19 Daily Checklist. The most up-to-date version can be found online at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/Daily-COVID-checklist-en.pdf> Students and volunteers need to stay home when they are ill, even if their symptoms are mild. It is the responsibility of the church to also screen everyone and note any that are not feeling well. Any child or volunteer not feeling well will not be able to take part in our K-Life program. This is for the safety of all.

Arrival:

1. Upon arrival each child will use hand sanitizer.
2. Child(ren) along with one parent/guardian will enter the K-Life Ministry area, read the posted signage, and wait in one of the two lines that are clearly marked at 6 ft. distancing.
3. Child(ren) or parents/guardians will use the touchless name tag station. Using the Church Center App, parents can sign in their child(ren) prior to arrival. Once at the station, they will scan the QR code on the app to print the child(ren)’s name tag. A ministry volunteer will pass the name tag to the parent or child(ren).
4. Child(ren) and parent/guardian will follow the arrows to the child(ren)’s assigned classroom. Only the child(ren) may enter the classroom. Personal items from home are not permitted.
5. Parents will then follow the arrows through the kids worship center to return to the sanctuary.

Pick up:

1. Parents will move to the front of the sanctuary (toward the exit doors) and then one parent/guardian will follow the arrows downstairs to pick their child(ren). The other parent/guardian (if there is one) will exit the building and not be permitted to wait in the passageways.
2. After pick up, the parent/guardian and child(ren) will follow the arrows back up the stairs to the church exit doors. If someone is already ascending or descending the stairs, we ask that they please wait until they are finished before using the stairs.

Safety measures:

1. Each classroom will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each use.
2. Classroom capacity will be capped at 8 children per classroom, which will support social distancing. There will be 2 or 3 workers in each classroom. Each room will have a maximum of 10 people.
3. Children will be assigned to classrooms based on age. If there are too many people (more than 10) in their classroom already, they will be moved one age group higher. If this is not possible, the child(ren) will not be able to stay. Children will remain with children in the same group throughout the morning and sit at tables of 4 people or less. There may be opportunities to go outside if the weather permits.
4. Games (i.e. lego, Uno, etc.) will be assigned to one classroom and stay there for the morning.
5. Items shared between classrooms (ie. balls, game items, etc.) will be sanitized after each use by workers.
6. There will be hand sanitizer available to use throughout the morning, dispensed by the ministry volunteers if the children are 5 or younger.
7. Children grade 3 and up are required to wear a mask at all times (other than when eating).
8. Children 4yrs old - Grade 2 are able to remove their masks when they are seated.
9. Children in 2 & 3 year olds are not required to wear a mask.
10. All rooms have adequate ventilation.
11. Instruction will be provided to children for hand washing, hand sanitizing, coughing into your sleeve, mask wearing and social distancing.
12. Snacks will be individually wrapped, and disposable cups used. Children will be told not to share.
13. Art supplies will be put in individual baggies with the child's name on it. Only that child will use those supplies.
14. Clear signage will be in place so that it is easy to understand and adults/children know where to go.

When someone is sick:

1. If symptoms arise during the morning, the child will be taken to the main doors where the parents will be asked to pick them up and exit the building. If the child has siblings in other classes, the parent/guardian will be asked to pick them up as well.
2. The classroom will be evacuated, cleaned and disinfected by the cleaning staff at the church.
3. Parents of that family will review the Covid-19 Daily Checklist (question 2) and if they observe that their child qualifies, call 811.
4. In the event that a case of Covid-19 is confirmed to be connected, Public Health will provide additional guidance including ensuring the appropriate supports are in place to coordinate the response.
5. Depending on the situation K-Life may need to close for a period of time or continue as before.

It is in everyone's best interest for The Peoples Church to follow the above stated guidelines. We are submitting in faith to the Canadian Government's requests with the firm belief that this is part of God's divine plan. The church will follow the plan, as written, to the best of our abilities and will edit and make changes as necessary to facilitate changes and new guidance put in place by our government.

Any changes to this policy will be communicated as quickly as possible.