



This policy and protocol is for all summer children, youth, and family programming onsite & offsite including VBS, Team Jesus, Compassion Camp, Confirmation Camp, Family Camp Out, Tween Nights, High School Mission Trip, youth events, and all ministries that primarily include children & youth.

COVID Protocols

1. All unvaccinated participants are asked to stay home if exposed to someone with COVID (see *Caring for ourselves and others* section).
2. Hand sanitizer will be available and encouraged.
3. Programming will primarily be held outside and under the tent of the ballfield. Offsite programming (youth ministry) will make every effort to be outside whenever possible.
4. When programs have large groups of participants, we will break groups up into pods or small groups.
5. Transportation: Physical distance between participants on buses or transportation (e.g., seat children one child per row, skip rows) will be practiced when possible. Participants who live in the same household may be seated together. Masks will be worn at all times during group and carpool transportation regardless of vaccination status.
6. If necessary, programs/events may be canceled by program staff/leadership. Program leader will notify families there is a cancellation.

Mask Policy

- All participants (age 3 years old & up), staff, and volunteers must bring a mask with them to the program (regardless of vaccination status). Gaiters and makeshift masks are not acceptable.
- Mask wearing is optional for most outdoor activities, except at the discretion of the program leader.
- Masks are required for all participants (age 3 years old & up), staff, and volunteers anytime they are indoors (bathroom breaks, if inclement weather moves activities inside, etc).
- Masks are required for everyone (ages 3 years old & up) during group and carpool transportation.
- When visiting partner congregations or other organizations, their mask policy supersedes these guidelines.

Safety Policies

- **Allergy Information:** Please share any food or environmental allergies (including bee stings) with the program leader. Be sure to bring an epi-pen if your student needs one.
- **Sign In/Sign out:** All 3-year old - 5th grade programming will require parents to sign children in and out for the day.
- **Medication:** Please be sure to bring any prescribed medication, inhaler and/or epi-pen that your student might need. All medication should be labeled and checked in with the program leader.
- **Inclement Weather:** If rain is forecasted for the day of the program, we will reschedule for another date/time. Look for an email from the program leader with a weather update. If unexpected rain/inclement weather occurs, we will move programming inside the church spreading participants out between the Trinity Center, Gathering Place, and Sanctuary depending on the program and number of participants.

Day of Programming & What to Bring

1. Arrival time is 5 minutes prior to program start time.
2. Program leaders will communicate drop of procedures based on the event. Please drive slowly and exercise caution when driving through the parking lot.
3. Be sure to sign in/out your child if the participant is 5th grade or younger.
4. Bring a water bottle with the participant's name clearly marked. We will have a water station under the tent.
5. Don't forget to apply sunscreen prior to arrival. We are outside all day.

Caring for ourselves and others

PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK OR COVID +WILL NOT ATTEND. UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO SOMEONE COVID+ WILL NOT ATTEND.

- Unvaccinated participants will stay home if **anyone in your household** is running a fever, sick, or feeling "under the weather." Fully vaccinated asymptomatic participants can attend at your own discretion.
- **If you are COVID+ with symptoms:**
 - Do not return to church until 10 days after symptoms first appeared and 24 hours with no fever (without use of fever reducing medication). Unvaccinated family members should also remain home.
- **If you are COVID+ without symptoms:**
 - Do not return to church until 10 days have passed since the date of a positive test. Unvaccinated family members should also stay home.
- **If a member of your household was exposed to someone who is COVID+:**
 - Please monitor for symptoms of COVID. Fully vaccinated, asymptomatic individuals may attend. All symptomatic and all unvaccinated individuals should not return to church until 14 days after a known exposure or a negative test result is received.
- **If any member of your household tests positive for COVID within 14 days of their last visit to the building:**
 - Notify Jeff Boardman, Parish Administrator, at jeffb@holycrosslutheran.org or 262-251-2740 **AND** your program leader (i.e. Pr. Drew, Pr. Sara, Sue, or Karen). Names will not be shared with others when contact tracing notifications are made.
- Masks will be worn at the discretion of the program leader when participants are outdoors. Masks are required for all participants, volunteers, and staff (age 3 years old & up) anytime they are indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

