

Providence Presbyterian Church Plan for Sunday Childcare

Providence Presbyterian Church remains committed to providing safe and loving childcare as we begin to offer childcare during Sunday School and in-person worship starting on **January 9, 2022**. We are continuously monitoring the latest developments in and around our community. Furthermore, we are using the same COVID-19 protocols that were developed by the Regathering Committee with emphasis on the information provided by our federal, state, and local guidelines.

While we cannot guarantee COVID-19 will not occur at PPC, know we are doing everything that we can to ensure a safe and healthy environment for your child while maintaining a developmentally appropriate environment of hospitable care for young children.

Nursery Process for Families

Childcare will be provided during Sunday School and the 11:15am worship service. **Sunday Childcare is located in the lower level of the Christian Life Center (CLC).**

There will be a room for infants/crawlers and there will be a room for toddlers/twos/threes/fours. We will have a minimum of two adults helping with childcare each Sunday.

Childcare will open at 9:45am in order for parents to have time to drop off their child/children and then get to Sunday School. **Infants/crawlers will be in room #9. Toddlers/twos/threes/fours will be in room #13.**

Before dropping off children for childcare, parents will need to check in at the childcare station located in the lower level of the CLC. At the childcare station, parents will need to sign their child in and can pick up a pager and/or provide a cell phone number where they can receive texts if they are needed. Before picking children up, parents will need to return the pager and check their child out. **Please do not send siblings to drop off or pick up children in childcare. Only adults will be allowed to check children in/out of childcare.**

Childcare volunteers and paid workers will wear masks at all times. Children attending childcare will wear masks when possible.

Health Screening for COVID-19 Illness or Exposure

All childcare volunteers and paid workers are expected to self-screen for any symptoms of COVID-19 before coming to church and to stay home if they are sick.

Any volunteers, paid workers or children who have any of the following signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19 will not be allowed to be in childcare: fever or feeling feverish, a temperature greater than 99 degrees F, new cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, muscle aches or body aches, vomiting or diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell.

Any nursery staff or child who has been **diagnosed** with COVID-19 should isolate for **10 days** from the onset of their symptoms, or the date of their positive COVID -19 test and should not return until they

have been fever free without the use of fever reducing medicine for at least 24 hours **and** have improving symptoms.

Any volunteers, paid workers or children who have been in close contact with another person known or suspected to be infected with COVID-19 should quarantine and not attend nursery for 14 days from their last known exposure.

If a child presents a fever or other symptoms of illness while in childcare, they will be removed from the room and parents contacted by text to come and take their child home. Parents are expected to have their phones available to receive texts during worship.

Childcare volunteers, paid workers, or children attending childcare who test positive or have a close contact situation are asked to notify the Deacons for that Sunday as soon as possible afterward so appropriate protocols can be determined. Those helping with childcare and parents of children attending these programs will be notified that there is a confirmed case, but names will not be disclosed.

Preventative Health Measures

Providence Presbyterian Church is committed to providing our families with a clean environment. We will continue with our daily protocols while adding some extra steps to help facilitate a good experience for all. This will include:

Frequent handwashing (upon entering the classroom, diaper changes and assisting children with the potty, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in classrooms.

All childcare rooms will be cleaned thoroughly by our contracted cleaning service.

**Thank you for your flexibility and adaptability
as we work to make our PPC Childcare program as safe as possible!**