

First Baptist Church in Beverly  
Youth Fellowship COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures

We are excited to be able to welcome our Youth Fellowship groups back for the 2020-2021 program year, and we are eager to have the opportunity to get back to some fun and community-building together!

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused the need for some **shifts and new guidelines** for our youth programming this year. We are confident that we can all work together to adhere to these new guidelines which will allow us to run our youth programs and do our best to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible during this time!

1. All youth fellowship advisors and participants (as well as participants' guardians and caregivers, for all participants under the age of 18) will be asked to **sign a one-time COVID-19 awareness waiver** for the church.
2. All youth fellowship advisors and participants will **self-assess** for COVID-19 symptoms and general wellness before attending any program of the First Baptist Church youth fellowship. Please complete this mental checklist prior to all fellowship events:
  - a. **I am feeling well today/my child is feeling well today.**
  - b. **I have not taken/administered to my child fever-reducing medication (ie. Ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin, Aleve, Acetaminophen, Tylenol) to my child in the last 4-6 hours.**
  - c. **I do not have/my child does not have any signs or symptoms of illness - including, but not limited to: fever  $\geq 100.0^{\circ}\text{F}$ , chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, fatigue (when in combination with other symptoms), body or muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, unexplained rash, nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other definitively-known causes like allergies).**
  - d. **In the past 14 days, I have not been/my child has not been exposed to anyone with a known diagnosis of COVID-19 or suspected exposure of COVID-19.**
  - e. **The youth fellowship leadership has up-to-date emergency contact information in the event I need to be contacted while my child is at fellowship.**
3. Additionally, all advisors and participants will be **checked in at the start** of each program. Please make sure to **arrive on time** so that we can get everyone checked in efficiently and smoothly and begin our program. We need a formal check-in process this year for contact tracing purposes and to help do our part for public health and wellness. **Please DO NOT LEAVE the drop-off area UNTIL your child is officially checked in.**
4. Our youth program **times will be shortened this year** to better adhere to COVID-19 best practices, and we will meet outside often.
5. If an advisor becomes symptomatic during the fellowship program time, they will be sent home immediately. Should a youth participant become symptomatic during the fellowship program time, they will be moved apart from all other participants (with supervision of an adult leader) and a parent/caregiver will be called. Youth who become symptomatic during the fellowship program time must be picked up as quickly as possible by a parent or caregiver.

6. In the event of a positive COVID test for an adult advisor or youth participant at one of our youth programs, families who are close contacts (spent 15 minutes or more within 6-feet of that participant or leader) will be notified of a positive case. We will work with the Beverly Health Department to follow all processes and procedures and to ensure proper contact tracing.
7. We will **not be able to provide group transportation** for our participants at this point in the program year. We will be announcing outdoor (local) locations where fellowship programs will be happening, and we will be asking that participants are dropped off at and picked up from these locations by a parent or caregiver. Please ensure that your participant is dropped off and picked up in a **timely fashion**, as we will be using public outdoor spaces, and we will want to make sure we are not lingering or congregating for long periods of time following our official program times.
8. For ANY in-person programs, ALL participants must **wear masks** (thick enough that you cannot see through the material and in either a style that loops around the ears OR ties behind the head and neck; no gaiters, please), **be prepared to bring their own chair** or other items as communicated by group leaders for that program, and **bring a small hand sanitizer bottle** to keep on their person or in their bag/pocket. We will also have hand sanitizer on-hand.
9. We ask that all participants adhere to the travel guidelines and restrictions of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding travel during the time of COVID and self-certify each week that you/your family has not traveled outside of states listed as low risk by the Commonwealth. If you have traveled outside of these states, we ask that participants follow the guidelines of the Commonwealth and refrain from attending our in-person programs until 14 days have passed.

Please **sign and date below** to acknowledge that you have received, read, and agree to these COVID-19 policies and guidelines for the youth fellowship programs of First Baptist Church in Beverly for the 2020-2021 program year.

We thank you for working collaboratively with us to help ensure a safe and healthy start to the program year!

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Signed

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Date