

Childcare guidelines during Covid.

First Congo church will provide childcare during the worship services beginning April 25. Children two years old and older must wear a mask in the childcare room. Childcare is available only for children 3 years and younger. Parents may drop off their children 5 – 10 minutes prior to worship (Program year hours are at 8:50 and 10:20; summer hours are 9:20).

Parent responsibilities for use of childcare services –

Beginning May 30, parents do not need to sign up for Sunday childcare.

Children who have any of the below symptoms should not be cared for in the childcare room:

- A fever above 99.4, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, extreme lethargy, headache, cough, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.
- Parents should assess their child's health prior to the use of the childcare facilities.
- Childcare staff are not permitted to change diapers or help with the restroom. If a child needs to have a diaper changed or have assistance in the restroom, a parent will be called out to assist with the change.
- No food or bottles are permitted in the childcare room.
- Children must remain in the childcare room.
- Families are responsible to inform the Faith Formation team (Director of Children's Ministries and/or Pastor) if someone in their home tests positive for Covid within 7 days of attendance in the childcare room.

Staff health-

- Individuals who work with children are required to have Covid vaccinations.
- Staff are required to always wear a mask.
- Frequent hand washings are encouraged.

Childcare room -

- Hand sanitizer will be provided to each child when they arrive in childcare.
- To maximize air flow, the windows and the main hall door will remain open.
- The maximum number of children in the room will be 8, with no more than 4 babies (children under 1 year of age) at a time.
- Childcare staff will try to maintain 3 feet between children.
- Children must remain in the childcare room.
- Surfaces and high touch areas will be wiped down frequently and between the 2 childcare sessions. Toys used during each session will be sanitized before the next group of children arrive.