

Dear Manchester Youth families,

Because the church is transitioning into Phase 3, starting this Sunday and continuing until the end of the program year, we will be offering **in-person Youth Group INSIDE THE CHURCH on Sundays from 4:00-5:30 pm and Zoom Youth Group from 7:00-8:00 pm**. I am so excited about making this next step and I hope you can join us and help us finish out this year strong. (Worship is also offering in-person options. For more information, [click here](#).) **Please read the following carefully** so you and your youth know what to expect come Sunday.

Structure

We will continue to meet only in small groups from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. We will NOT meet as a large group until Phase 4.

The small groups will meet in the following rooms.

- Kurt and Rachel's Group (6th Grade): Room 141
- Patrick and Jaedyn's Group (middle school): Fellowship Hall
- Shaeleigh and Joan's Group (middle school): Old Fellowship Hall
- Kenna and Carla's Group (high school): Youth Center
- Anthony, Julie, and Jennifer's Group (high school): Library

We will have a TV or screen in each room, so no devices will be needed for Youth Group.

COVID Rules and Expectations

The COVID rules are the same as they were when we were meeting at Schroder Park. All youth are expected to do the following:

1. Wear a mask at all times. (No food or drink are allowed.)
2. Keep a six-foot distance from others at all time. (This includes youth in the same circle.)
3. Sanitize hands upon building entry.
4. Follow all bathroom procedures.

The church is replacing the screening form with a self-screen.

SELF-SCREENING QUESTIONS

- 1) Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 10 days, OR, experienced any COVID-19 [symptoms](#) within the last 10 days?
- 2) Have you been exposed to COVID-19 within the last 10 days?

If your answer is "Yes" to either of the above questions, please do NOT enter church buildings or participate in church-sponsored events, UNLESS:

- 1) You have been lab diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 90-days and have been symptom free for the past 10 days; OR
- 2) It has been 14 days since you received your second dose of a 2 dose series or 14 days since you received a single dose vaccine, AND, you received the last dose of the vaccine within the last 3 months, AND, you have been symptom free for the past 10 days.

(The above exceptions are per the CDC and St. Louis County Health Department.)

Building Entry and Exits

All youth are expected to enter and leave the door that is closest to their small group rooms. The doors will be locked but will be opened by a floater when youth arrive. Once they enter the church, they are expected to go straight to their small group room, keeping distance from others. When they leave their small group rooms, they are expected to go straight to the same door they came in.

- Kurt and Rachel's Group: Back Entrance (east side by the playground)
- Patrick and Jaedyn's Group: Front Entrance (west entrance)
- Shaeleigh and Joan's Group: Front Entrance (west entrance) then take an immediate right down the stairs
- Kenna and Carla's Group: Back Entrance (east side by the playground)
- Anthony, Julie, and Jennifer's Group: Front Entrance (west entrance)

Other things to know:

The church has instituted strict protocols to keep everyone safe as they begin utilizing the building. Rooms are cleaned thoroughly after each use, two floaters will be mobilized each Sunday to help facilitate COVID and other safety protocols, and all leaders have been briefed on all protocols and are ready to facilitate this exciting transition.

If you have any questions ahead of Sunday, please feel free to reach out. Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday!

Yours in Christ,

Beth