



Manchester Youth 2021-22 COVID-19 Safety Protocols

What You Can Expect:

In order to keep our youth and adults safe, we have established safety protocols that we will follow during our time together. It is important to our team that you are aware of these protocols and can make decisions that are right for your family.

COVID-19 Safety Protocols:

- Youth and volunteers are required to perform a daily covid self-screening before participating in programming. *Screening questions can be found below.* If participants answer yes to either question 1 or 2, participants must stay home.
- High touch surfaces in our gathering spaces will be frequently cleaned and disinfected.
- If during programming a youth or volunteer displays one or more symptoms of COVID-19 or reports a positive COVID test, the person will immediately be isolated and sent home. They may return only when they have doctor's note confirming a negative test and are 10 days symptom free.
- Parents/Guardian(s) will be notified immediately if their youth was exposed to any confirmed COVID-19 cases during youth programming.
- All youth and adults attending Sunday Squad and/or Middle School Meet-Up will be required to wear a mask for the entirety of the program. No food will be served at these programs.
- For youth in weekly small groups, parents/guardians will be asked to verify if their youth has been vaccinated.
 - If any youth or adults have not been vaccinated or if vaccination status is unknown, all youth and adults must wear a mask.
 - If all youth and adults have been vaccinated, mask wearing is optional.
 - Food will only be allowed at small groups where all participants are vaccinated.
 - If the small groups occur outside and are socially distanced by at least six feet, masks are optional and food is allowed.
- For monthly special events, parents/guardians will be asked to verify if their youth has been vaccinated. In order to attend the event without a mask, youth must be vaccinated or parents must verify a negative COVID test within 3 days of the event.
 - For day events, if youth are not vaccinated and do not have a negative COVID test, they must wear a mask for the entirety of the event.
 - If this event is outside and social distancing of at least six feet is completed, masks are optional and food is allowed.
 - For overnight events, only youth who are vaccinated or have had a negative COVID test will be allowed to attend.

These protocols are subject to change based on future conditions and health official recommendations or requirements.

IMPORTANT: Before attending any Manchester Youth program, please answer these self-screening questions before entering the building.

COVID Daily 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 day?
2. Have you been exposed to COVID-19 within in the last 10 days?

If you answer “Yes” to either of the above questions, please DO NOT enter the church building or participate in church-sponsored activities, 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 following receipt of 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.

If you suspect that your youth is ill, has COVID-19, has been exposed to COVID-19 or is displaying one or more symptoms of COVID-19, please keep them home until they have a confirmed negative COVID test. Failure to do this will risk exposing other youth and volunteers to COVID-19. Please don't take a chance, it's not worth the risk to everyone involved.

How You Can Help

Your family plays an important role in ensuring the health and safety of all youth and volunteers at Manchester UMC. In order for programming to be successful, we need the support and cooperation of all involved.

- Please show grace, patience and understanding with Manchester UMC volunteers and other families as we all adjust to a new way of being together. We recognize that change can be uncomfortable, but these changes are designed to ensure we can provide the very best experience for your youth and others during this pandemic.
- Be prepared to immediately pick-up your youth if they become ill or display one or more symptoms of COVID-19 during programming.
- Please model a positive attitude for your youth when it comes to these new safety protocols.
- Keep lines of communication open. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me by phone or email. Our entire team wants to do everything possible to make youth programming as smooth as possible and your feedback helps us know how things are going.