



Updated Children, Youth and Schools Covid-19 Parameters

Children's Programming

↓ As of 4/20/21

Diocesan Stages for Reopening:	STAGE ONE-B	STAGE TWO/2B <i>County positivity rate must also be below 6.5% and trending downwards.</i>	STAGE THREE	STAGE FOUR
Outdoor Maximum # of Individuals	15 children 3 adults	34 children 6 adults	51 children 9 adults	No restriction
Indoor Maximum # of Individuals	Not allowed	22 children 3 adults	34 children 6 adults	No restriction
Refer to the Diocesan handbook for Safe Church practices for additional information on determining proper ratios for adults and children at all gatherings.				

Children's Programming

- Allow for 42 sq ft of space per individual (indoor/outdoor through Stage 3)
- Allow for 6 feet of distance per individual, use markings
- Capacity should never exceed 30% of your fire code or more than the max numbers listed in the chart
- Please note that concurrent activities **are** allowed if groups do not share common spaces
- Always use the lower of the 2 numbers, 30% or max number allowed (see chart)
- We highly recommend having additional adults with 2 and 3 year olds
 - Ratio for 2 and 3 yr olds - 1 adult per 2 children, with 2 minimum adults

Youth Programming

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Diocesan Stages for Reopening:	STAGE ONE-B	STAGE TWO/2B <i>County positivity rate must also be below 6.5% and trending downwards.</i>	STAGE THREE	STAGE FOUR
Outdoor Maximum # of Individuals	18	40	60	No restriction
Indoor Maximum # of Individuals	15	25	40	No restriction
Refer to the Diocesan handbook for Safe Church practices for additional information on determining proper ratios for adults and children at all gatherings.				

Youth Programming

- The same social distancing rules as children's programming apply.
- Allow for 42 sq ft of space per individual (indoor/outdoor through Stage 3).
- Bible studies, social gatherings, meetings may take place via telephone, online or **inside in groups of 25** masked participants (**youth and adults**) or **outside in groups of 40 or fewer** masked participants (**youth and adults**) maintaining 6 feet of physical distancing. It is not recommended to include activities that involve running or other exertion or sharing equipment due to the increased risk of spreading COVID-19 droplets.
- **We recommend during Stage 2 that there are no overnight events.**

Youth Programming

- **Please note: Your county positivity rate must also be below 6.5% and trending downwards in order to gather in person in Stage 2.**
- It is recommended that virtual youth gatherings still be an additional way youth ministries to meet.
- Masked singing is allowed [per the guidelines in the Updated Music Guidelines](#)
 - Indoors: 4 masked singers may sing if they are spaced 15 feet apart
 - Outdoors: Masked singing is permitted if households remain 10 feet apart.
- Health screenings and contact tracing should still take place.
- Updated guidelines will be distributed to all youth ministers and parishes later today.

Schools and Preschools

- What has changed?
 - A change in the square footage requirement (from 42-54) to **36-42** square feet of space for each child or adult in a classroom (per the update from the CDC on distancing) to maintain healthy distancing and space. *PLEASE NOTE THIS IS ONLY FOR SCHOOLS AND DOES NOT APPLY TO CHURCH PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND/OR YOUTH.*
- The symptoms of COVID-19 are regularly updated by the [CDC at this link](#). Schools should stay updated on the symptoms and post the up to date listing,