

Plan for small group gatherings at Royse City FUMC

We have started reopening the sanctuary for worship, and now it's time to bring our Sunday morning small groups back together. We know that our small group ministry helps foster growth as disciples of Jesus Christ while strengthening relationships and activating for mission in our community. Thank you to all of our small group leaders for finding ways to stay connected in this season of COVID-19.

Currently, we have 6 Sunday morning Adult classes that meet on campus during our Sunday School hour. We will have each class, according to size, space out in different areas of the campus. The largest rooms we have available for social distancing are (Family Life Center) Ouida Baley room (7 family units), Conference Room, Reception Area, Warehouse (possibly two classes, (Wesley Hall), The large meeting room, (Sanctuary) upstairs old choir room. Some small groups may use their original rooms following recommended numbers posted on each entry sign, and they wear a mask and social distance.

Youth and confirmation will meet in the youth room on Sunday morning (9:45 - 10:45) and Sunday evening (5:30 - 6:30) - youth in the youth room and 6th grade in the Ouida room.

Tables and chairs will be spread out in each area to provide for social distancing, and **each participant will wear a mask while on church property.** (Same with youth and confirmation class)

We will have cleaning supplies available in all areas for each class to wipe down all tables and chairs, countertops, door handles, etc..

We may need to relocate TV's so all groups can access small group video material.

Small groups are limited to 20 people in a session.

CHILDREN and NURSERY REOPENING

We will still be doing social distancing and wearing masks at all times. As well as keeping our children safe, we have to keep our teachers safe. And without saying, ministry safe is a priority as well. These are the plans I have proposed to follow.

NURSERY:

All nursery workers will wear masks at all times. After each worship service, Nursery workers will sanitize all toys, tables, and doorknobs. We will furnish you with the spray to sanitize everything. Our nursery is vital to our church, and we need to keep it as safe as possible.

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN:

They will not be required to wear masks, but the teacher will be required to wear one at all times. All children will need to sanitize their hands at the classroom door. Each child will have their own area at a table. We will furnish each child with crayons, pencils, play-doh, etc. in a ziplock bag with their name on the bag. This bag will be theirs each Sunday. I know it will be hard to social distance little ones at this age, but we plan for them to have everything they will need at their table.

1st GRADE - 5th GRADE:

All children and teachers will be required to wear masks. As each child enters the room, we will furnish hand sanitizer at the door, which teachers will monitor that each child uses. We will do social distancing in the classroom. We will also have ziplock bags for each child, with things they will be using for the class. The bags can be left on their table for the next Sunday.