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Harvest Church: COVID -19 Update
Harvest Kids - Revised September 15th, 2020

Harvest Church is committed to the health, safety and welfare of our staff and congregation. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have heightened our health and safety measures and protocols to ensure, to the best of our control, that we keep everyone safe and prevent the spread of the virus.

The communication below contains our protocols pertaining to Harvest Kids. These protocols are in compliance with the most recent government guidelines as we seek to honour the authorities God has placed over us and be a witness to a watching world.

Please know that if you are uncomfortable putting your children in Kids Ministry at this time, there is no pressure and you can continue to have them join you in the worship service.

Harvest Kids Phase 1*

In a letter from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, places of worship are now permitted to have child care during faith services. In light of these new permissions, the following protocols will be followed by Harvest Church to ensure a safe environment for our kids:

- I. Phase 1 of Harvest Kids will be offered for children aged 4-9. Families will need to register their children for our Harvest Kids program as space will be limited to 16 kids (two cohorts of 8 children and 1 volunteer) to ensure we do not exceed our 30% building capacity guideline.
- II. Parents will be asked to confirm a clear COVID assessment for their child(ren) before entry is permitted and masks will be required for all.
- III. Once in the building, we ask that one parent bring your child(ren) upstairs to sign them in and proceed to the worship centre via the back stairwell. At the end of the service please exit the worship centre and have one parent re-enter the church to head upstairs to pick up your child(ren). We ask that you again leave through back stairwell and proceed back down to the worship centre and exit the building through the side door.
- IV. We will have a washroom attendant to ensure there is only one child using the facilities at a time. The washroom will be disinfected between each child/use.

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- V. We will ensure children maintain social distancing during our Harvest Kids program. *While kids will be excited to see each other, please as the primary shepherd of your kids do your best to walk them through the requirements and help them understand that there are governing authorities that have certain restrictions in place.*
- VI. Hand Sanitizer will be available throughout the premises.
- VII. Personal belongings should be kept to a minimum (ie: water bottles and bibles) and should be labeled with your child's name.
- VIII. Crafts and activities will be individually prepared ahead of time and given to children by our Harvest Kids volunteers.
- IX. Classrooms will be deep cleaned before children arrive and after children are checked out.

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