



WE Youth

COVID-19 Safety Plan

As fall begins, The Water's Edge Youth Ministry (WE Youth) is looking forward to returning to in-person gatherings. Our desire is to make sure we do things in a way that creates a safe, fun, and engaging environment for our youth to encounter God and grow in their relationships with Jesus Christ and others. In order to do so, the following policies and practices have been adopted by WE Youth. The practices have been approved by our church staff and leadership team.

We ask all participants, volunteers, parents, and ministry staff to adhere to these policies when attending, leading, dropping off, and picking up at WE Youth Gatherings.

Participant Information Form:

- All students participating in a WE Youth Gathering **MUST** have a completed 2020-2021 Youth Information form, completed by a parent, on file prior to participating in WE Youth Ministries.
- The 2020-2021 Youth Information Form will require parents to provide their most current contact information for themselves and their students in order to allow our ministry staff and volunteers to effectively communicate upcoming events and important notices.
- The 2020-2021 Youth Information Form includes a statement regarding WE Youth COVID-19 policies and procedures. By completing this form, parents agree their child will follow these policies and procedures when participating in WE Youth.
- Completion of the registration form is required by **ALL** WE Youth participants. Even if your student is a long-time participant in WE Youth, you will need to update your information for 2020-2021, check the consent, and submit the form.

Facemask Policy:

- Masks will be required of all participants, parents, volunteers and ministry staff while in the building.
- Masks may be removed when participants are outside the building **AND** able to remain 6' apart.
- If a volunteer or student is unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition, we ask them to inform the Director of Youth Ministries, Chad Schuchmann, chad@weomaha.com, prior to participation in WE Youth.

Attendance and Check-In:

- All students in attendance at a Youth Gathering must be checked in by a volunteer or staff member prior to joining their LIFEgroup for the evening.
- Volunteers will be stationed at kiosks to check-in students.
- Students will not use the kiosks to reduce multiple people touching surfaces.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

- WE Youth will begin at 6:56 PM and dismiss at 8:08 PM.
 - Students will only be allowed in the building for 30 minutes prior to and after the conclusion of WE Youth Gatherings.
 - Please DO NOT drop-off prior to 6:30 PM
 - Please DO NOT pick up later than 8:30 PM.
- We ask parents and carpools to utilize a drop-off and pick-up line each week.
 - Please use the driveway in front of the church. This area will be marked with cones each week to allow for easy flow of traffic.
- Parents will be allowed to enter the building to drop-off or pick-up their student if:
 - It is the participant's first time in attendance and the student does not yet have a Youth Information Form completed and on file.
 - The participant has a need requiring the assistance of the parent.

Space Usage:

- While inside the building youth and volunteers will be asked to gather only with others in the spaces designate for their LIFEgroups.

- 6th Grade Girls
- 7th Grade Girls
- 8th Grade Girls
- 9th Grade Girls
- 10-12th Grade Girls
- 7th Grade Boys
- 8th Grade Boys
- 9th Grade Girls
- High School Boys

- Staff and volunteers will assess room size and group attendance. Groups may be limited in size, moved to alternate spaces, or split up in order to allow for adequate physical distancing.

Sanitization Practices:

- The building will be sanitized by our cleaning company as appropriate based on our classroom and building usage:
 - Following weekend worship and prior to WE Youth.
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- Leaders will be asked to sanitize the tables, chairs and other surfaces immediately prior to and following their usage at WE Youth.

Food and Snacks:

- Until further notice, food and snacks will not be provided at Youth Gatherings.
- Please do not bring outside food into the building.
- Students may bring their own drink containers and fill them at one of our two water bottle filling stations.
- Water fountains and other drink stations in the building are not to be used by participants.

Personal Health and Safety:

- The Water's Edge asks that you continue to monitor your own health.
- If you are feeling ill, or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, we ask that you please do not attend youth in-person until you are symptom free and have been cleared by a medical professional to resume school, work, and social activities.
- If you or a member of your family has tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you please refrain from attendance until every member of your household has been medically cleared to return to school, work, and social activities.
- If you suspect you may have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you please refrain from attending Youth Gatherings until you receive a negative test, are cleared by a medical professional, or are reasonably sure you did not contract the virus.

Reporting and Notifications:

- If you or a member of your family test positive for COVID-19 and you have recently attended a WE Youth Gathering at The Water's Edge, we ask that you immediately contact Chad Schuchmann via email: chad@weomaha.com to report your results. Please include the following information:
 - Person's name in your family who received the positive result
 - Names of family members who were recently in attendance at WE Youth
 - Date they began exhibiting symptoms (if symptoms were present)
 - Date they received the positive result of the COVID-19 test

oPhone number and best time to contact you for any additional information

- In the event a student or leader tests positive for COVID-19, two separate notifications will be sent out:

- o Notification #1: Sent to all participants present on the same evening as the person who tested positive. This notification will indicate a person (names will not be disclosed) who attended WE Youth on MM/DD/YYYY has tested positive for COVID-19. As necessary, it will give any relevant additional information you and your family should be aware of.

- o Notification #2: Sent to the leaders and participants present in the same LIFEgroup and on the same evening as the person who tested positive. This notification will indicate a person (name will not be disclosed) you shared a space in the building and with whom you may have had extended close contact has tested positive.

- o The Water's Edge will not release the names of individuals or household members who have tested positive.

- We will ask that you please converse with your child and directly contact anyone else you or your child had close contact with at the Youth Gathering, including:

- o Students or parents you carpooled with

- o Friends in other LIFEgroups you hung out with before or after WE Youth

Leader and Volunteer Expectations:

- Wear masks while in the building (medical exemptions allowed)

- Arrive early to inspect your room and sanitize it

- Record in-room attendance of all LIFEgroup leaders and youth

- Ensure students stay in assigned LIFEgroup rooms for entirety of the Youth Gathering time (bathroom breaks allowed)

- Wipe down all tables, chairs, and other surfaces in your classroom after your LIFEgroup dismisses

The Water's Edge has updated the youth ministries page weomaha.com/youth to include a link to this document.