

## **Phase 2 Youth Group Guidelines and Protocols Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi, Texas In-Person Gathering**

The purpose of this document is to provide a template for staff and volunteers serving the Youth Group of Church of the Good Shepherd (COTGS) in Corpus Christi, Texas during the phased reopening of churches in West Texas during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Prior to serving in Phase 2 Leadership, it is essential that staff and volunteers have an understanding and working knowledge of *Guidelines for Phased Reopening of Churches in West Texas: 2-A* (dated May 1, 2020) and *2-B* (dated August 14, 2020) produced by The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.

The Guidelines and Procedures listed herein will follow the Guidelines and Procedures for In-Person gathering at Church of the Good Shepherd (COTGS) drafted in response to the pandemic by the COTGS Phase 2 Committee and approved by the COTGS Vestry, the COTGS Rector and Clergy, and the Bishop of West Texas.

Guidelines and Procedures listed herein will assume the above Diocesan and COTGS documents while marking any necessary changes given the environment and complexities of providing a safe environment for the Youth Group of COTGS.

### **Pre-arrival**

- Please remain home if you have been in contact with someone or personally show symptoms of COVID-19.
- The Youth House and any other building used during the meeting will be sanitized before the arrival of students.
- Staff and volunteers will go through the same screening process as the students that night.
- A parent or staff member will be assigned to make sure our group is observing the protocols.

### **Arrival**

- Each youth, staff, and volunteer will be required to wear a mask, and if they don't have one, one will be provided.
- On arrival, each youth, staff, and volunteer will have their temperature taken, followed by washing or disinfecting their hands.
- Once the screening process is complete, the youth, volunteers, and staff will observe the six-foot social distance rule.

### **Social Distancing During Youth Group**

- We will observe the social distance rule of six feet. There will be marked areas for youth. We will not have worship with singing to help mitigate the dangers of the virus.
- There will not be contact between the youth group members. Of course, there may be accidental contact and the staff and volunteers will do the best they can to minimize those incidents.
- The Church equipment in the Youth House will be disinfected weekly.
- There will be extra masks and hand sanitizer for the youth during the meeting.
- Throw all drinks and food away, even if everything was not consumed.