

Student Ministry Families,

We are so excited to announce that Upstream will resume in-person ministry starting September 13th for Middle School Upstre(am) and September 16th for both Middle and High School Students on Wednesday nights!! We have missed you all so much and cannot wait to gather together face to face as soon as your family is ready to do so. We understand that this has been and continues to be a difficult and strange time. But our God continues to be faithful in spite of the uncertainty. This letter will outline our plan for resuming in-person ministry. The Student Ministry team believes this plan is the best and most prudent way to kickoff the fall semester.

We are planning....

Social Distancing in our spaces: Social distancing will be practiced during our worship/teaching and small group time.

Diligent Sanitizing: We will provide sanitizing stations at multiple locations and encourage use before and after activities. Additionally, we will wipe down all countertops, chairs, and tables with disinfectant after each use.

To Serve Food: Our plan is to continue to serve food on Wednesday evenings. It will be served and eaten in designated areas and only after hand sanitizer has been used.

Required Face Coverings For All Staff/Volunteers: Out of the utmost safety for our volunteers and students, we are requiring all Student Ministry staff and volunteers to wear a face covering while in our Student environments.

Online Student Ministry Options: We know and understand that some of our families are not quite ready to join us for in-person ministry. We will be working hard to offer a live or recorded option for Middle School and High School families to join us from home.

We are requesting...

Self Screenings: We would like all students to be screened by their parent/guardian prior to being dropped off in any Student Ministry environments. If your student has a temperature greater than 100.4, has a cough, or just isn't feeling well, please join us online.

Face Coverings: Unlike some other church environments, consistent social distancing in Student Ministry is extremely difficult due to the nature of our ministries. For that reason, we are requesting that all students wear a face covering in our Upstream environments.

Hand Sanitizer: We would like all students to use hand sanitizer before and after any games/activities as well as prior to entering our Upstream services/environments.

Your Patience: This is uncharted territory for our Student Ministry. We ask for patience with our new processes and procedures. We also ask that you help convey the plan to your student in a positive way.