



WESTVIEW
Baptist Church

WBCY RE-OPENING FAQ'S

September 2020

Jr High Night & Sr High Night

- Youth will take place on Wednesday nights. In an effort to give these widely different ages groups the space they need, we will be on a 3-week rotation between Junior High, Senior High & Leaders' Night. This will help keep our numbers smaller to ensure physical distancing. As we are all aware, we are in a universal trial-and-error season of transition. We do not want youth to just be a place where we keep doing the same thing even if it does not work. Youth Group needs to be a safe place to have fun and be reminded that life is still happening, whether it is games, relationship with leaders or peers, or diving deeper into relationship with Jesus.
- The first few weeks of the Fall will focus on Wednesday nights and we hope to re-instate Friday night youth soon.

Leaders Night

- Because our leaders are so important, we are dedicating every 3rd Wednesday to them. We will spend an evening learning together and building relationships and growth ourselves.
- Our youth leaders play a major role in the success of youth ministry. They are not only the hands and feet of Jesus in our youth's lives, they are also the ears and voice too. Our leaders play hard but love even harder. From running around the gym, to playing silly games, to listening to the challenges of our youth's lives and providing insight into navigating what life throws their way.
- This evening will help to continue to reflect, plan, and adjust course in this new season of ministry.

What will Wednesday Youth night look like?

Registration

- We are required to keep attendance of all events, in accordance with AHS Guidelines and will follow the protocol they set on this. Though attendance is not new for youth events, pre-registering will help to speed up our screening process. Registration can be found [HERE](#)

Drop Off at Main Doors

- The main church doors continue to be our entry point, please remain in your car while youth are screened and admitted.

- We are screening and taking temperatures of Leaders and Students for every gathering.

Pick Up at Gym Doors

- In an effort to find consistency with other church events and to avoid cohorts crossing paths, the gym doors by the outdoor basketball hoop will always be our exit point. Please wait in your car by the basketball hoop for your youth.

Teaching is available for youth who cannot attend, by weekly livestream links.

- We are excited to be using a video based streaming service for Wednesday teaching, as well as Sunday school
- Even though we want to see all our youth in person, of course we understand everyone's boundaries and capabilities look different in this season. We will be live streaming teaching at **7:45pm** on Wednesdays and at **10:30am** on Sundays

Social Distancing

- We might be familiar with social-distancing measures, but it will certainly be different for youth group. We are doing what we can to minimize risk while still building relationship with each other, with Jesus, and having fun.

No Food

- We hope to have some special events in our future where we can return to the time-honoured Christian tradition of eating together.
- For now, we ask that youth bring their own water bottle and a snack if they feel they cannot wait until the evening is over.
- Any food/consumption must be done a minimum of 2 meters away from anyone else.
- Prizes of individually packaged treats may still be given as prizes, but should/will be sanitized down prior to consumption.

Are masks required?

Masks are required

- Leaders and youth alike must always be masked while indoors
- Clear plastic face shields are permitted for individuals medically unable to wear a mask.

What are the hygiene requirements?

We are cleaning ourselves and our surroundings.

- Regular surface cleaning and handwashing are required of leaders and required for youth.
- Everyone is asked to use hand sanitizer when they enter and leave the facility, after they use the washroom, and after they drop off their children for Sunday School. Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the building.

How are you maintaining physical distance?

We are keeping our distance.

- Jr & Sr high youth are now on different evenings to keep our numbers smaller and to help 2 meters to be observed.
- Games are planned to help distance and minimize touch points.
- Group gatherings in youth room and as small groups are in spaces large enough to spread out

What if someone who attends is found to have COVID-19?

As you are wearing a mask and maintaining physical distance, you would not be considered a close contact and would not be required to isolate if someone who attended the same service tests positive for COVID-19. You may be contacted by Alberta Health Services to go for testing as a precautionary measure. In support of public health contact tracing we will be keeping a record of who has attended an In-Person Service. We are required to keep attendance of all events, in accordance with AHS Guidelines and will follow the protocol they set on this. Westview Baptist Church will have full ownership of these attendance lists and will only be asked to share them with AHS if a potential exposure occurs. If there is an exposure, all staff, attendees, and volunteers who were present at the time of the exposure will be notified that an exposure may have occurred. Attendance lists from the time of the exposure will be shared with Alberta Health Services for contact tracing purposes only.