

Children's Sabbath School Class Protocols

The following protocols were approved in June 2020 in order for Sabbath School classes to begin meeting again. The protocols remain in place with the update that all classes are now meeting inside.

Plan for Reopening Caldwell Beginner Sabbath School Class

1. Clean and disinfect the classroom, especially chairs, doorknobs, tables, etc.
2. Remove extra chairs and re-arrange the room in order to increase capacity for maintaining physical distancing of 6 feet apart. Remove all stuffed animals and unnecessary toys/chairs from the room.
3. An attempt will be made to contact each parent/guardian prior to the reopening of Sabbath School to communicate the following:
 - a. If weather is inclement, all SS classes (adult and children) will be canceled. This is due to the fact that most SS classes will be meeting outside to assure safe COVID-19 practices.
 - b. If they or their children have a cough, runny nose, fever or any other symptoms of illness, please stay home.
 - c. Only one adult per child will be allowed in the SS due to limited space.
 - d. Masks for adults are recommended, especially if they're going to sing. It is advised that children this age not wear masks.
 - e. Each person should bring their own water bottle since the drinking fountains are closed. (Bottled water & paper cups will be provided for guests)
4. Hand sanitizer will be provided for teachers, guardians, and children to wash their hands upon arrival and when ready to leave.
5. An "activity tub" will be provided for each child and labeled with their name so that only they are touching the items inside of it. Each item and basket will be sanitized afterwards.
6. Felt board will not be used by children, only by teachers and then sprayed/sanitized after Sabbath School is over.
7. Children will take turns bringing offering to a basket on a table in the middle of the room during offering song. Offering will be placed in offering envelope by teachers wearing gloves.
8. Bible story will be told from the front, using the big felt board and children will remain in their chairs as opposed to sitting on the blanket on the floor.
9. Program will be shortened so that SS teachers will have time to disinfect surfaces, felts and other activity items touched by children or adults.
10. Additional cleaning and disinfecting will be done by the church janitor after each use.

Plan for Reopening Caldwell Kindergarten Sabbath School Class

1. The Kindergarten SS class of the Caldwell Seventh-day Adventist Church will meet outside for Sabbath School to assure safe COVID-19 practices. When conditions allow for returning to the classroom, it will be cleaned and disinfected according to recommendations.
2. An attempt will be made to contact each parent/guardian prior to the reopening of Sabbath School to communicate the following:
 - a. If weather is inclement, all SS classes (adult and children) will be canceled. This is due to the fact that most SS classes will be meeting outside to assure safe COVID-19 practices.
 - b. If they or their children have a cough, runny nose, fever or any other symptoms of illness, please stay home.
 - c. Each child should bring their own chair and water bottle. *
 - d. Children will be released to their parents/guardians upon dismissal.
3. We will be practicing no touch hand shaking and hand sanitizer will be provided for teachers and children to wash their hands upon arrival and when ready to leave.
4. Upon arrival, children will be directed where they are to place their chair so as to maintain the 6' physical distancing. All activities will be centered around their chair/designated area.
5. Each child will have their own container with glue, scissors, craft, lesson page, puzzle, etc. Each item and container will be sanitized afterwards.
6. One child at a time will come and put their offering in a designated container. Offering will be placed in offering envelope by a teacher wearing gloves.
7. The Kindergarten Class will use the bathroom facilities of the main church. As always, children will be escorted to and from the bathrooms by a Sterling Volunteer.

*Water and steel folding chairs will be provided for guests. Upon dismissal, chairs will be sanitized and returned by Deacons to their proper storage area.

Protocol for Reopening Caldwell Primary Sabbath School Class

1. The Primary SS class of the Caldwell Seventh-day Adventist Church will meet outside for Sabbath School to assure safe COVID-19 practices. When conditions allow for returning to the classroom, it will be cleaned and disinfected according to recommendations.
2. An attempt will be made to contact each parent/guardian prior to the reopening of Sabbath School to communicate the following:
 - a. If weather is inclement, all SS classes (adult and children) will be canceled. This is due to the fact that most SS classes will be meeting outside to assure safe COVID-19 practices.
 - b. If they or their children have a cough, runny nose, fever or any other symptoms of illness, please stay home.
 - c. Each child should bring their own chair* or blanket, water bottle*, and Bible., and face mask for singing (recommended).
 - d. Children will be released to their parents/guardians upon dismissal.
3. Hand sanitizer will be provided for teachers and children to wash their hands upon arrival and when ready to leave. There will be no hugging or shaking of hands allowed.
4. Upon arrival, children will be directed as to where they should place their chair so as to maintain the 6' physical distancing. All activities will be centered around their chair/designated area.
5. Singing will be done from memory (no song books).
6. Each child will be supplied their own SS supplies (i.e., white board, makers, etc.). These items will be sanitized after SS by the teachers and stored in individual zip-lock bags.
7. An Offering container will be provided for the children's mission offering. These offerings will be transferred into an envelope by a teacher wearing gloves.
8. The Primary SS Class will use the bathroom facilities in the Fellowship Hall. As always, children will be escorted to and from the bathrooms by a Sterling Volunteer.
9. Sabbath School papers will be placed on a chair for each child to pick up as they leave the area.

*Water, paper cups, and steel folding chairs will be provided for guests. Upon dismissal, chairs will be sanitized and returned by Deacons to their proper storage area.

Protocol for Reopening Caldwell Jr/Earliteen Sabbath School Class

1. The Jr/Earliteen SS class of the Caldwell Seventh-day Adventist Church will meet in the Children's Chapel for Sabbath School to assure safe COVID-19 practices.
2. An attempt will be made to contact each parent/guardian prior to the reopening of Sabbath School to communicate the following:
 - a. If weather is inclement, all SS classes (adult and children) will be canceled. This is due to the fact that most SS classes will be meeting outside to assure safe COVID-19 practices.
 - b. If they or their children have a cough, runny nose, fever or any other symptoms of illness, please stay home.
 - c. Each child should bring their own Bible, water bottle, and a face mask for singing (recommended).
3. Hand sanitizer will be provided for teachers and children to wash their hands upon arrival and when ready to leave. Children will be encouraged to greet each other in creative ways avoiding hugging or shaking of hands.
4. Any food or water available will be individually wrapped.
5. An Offering container will be provided for the children's offerings upon arrival.
6. Upon arrival, children will be directed to a table and chair distanced 6' apart. All activities will be centered around their chair/designated area.
7. Each child will be supplied their own SS supplies at their table. These items will be sanitized after SS by the teachers.
8. The Jr/Earliteen SS Class will use the bathroom facilities in the main facility.
9. Sabbath School papers will be placed at child's table.
10. Any food or water available will be individually wrapped.
11. Additional cleaning and disinfecting will be done by the church janitor or Deacons after each use.

Protocol for Reopening Caldwell Youth Sabbath School Class

1. The Youth SS class of the Caldwell Seventh-day Adventist Church will meet outside for Sabbath School to assure safe COVID-19 practices. When conditions allow for returning to the classroom, it will be cleaned and disinfected according to recommendations.
2. An attempt will be made to contact each youth prior to the reopening of Sabbath School to communicate the following:
 - a. If weather is inclement, all SS classes (adult and children) will be canceled. This is due to the fact that most SS classes will be meeting outside to assure safe COVID-19 practices.
 - b. If they or a family member have a cough, runny nose, fever or any other symptoms of illness, please stay home.
 - c. Each youth should bring their own chair, water bottle, and Bible. Face masks won't be required as there will be no singing.
3. Hand sanitizer will be provided for teachers and youth to wash their hands upon arrival and when ready to leave. Youth will be encouraged to greet each other in creative ways avoiding hugging or shaking of hands.
4. Upon arrival, youth will be reminded to maintain the 6' physical distancing with their chair placement. All activities will be centered around their chair/designated area.
5. Each youth will be supplied their own SS supplies if used and it will be sanitized afterwards.
6. An Offering container will be provided for the youth SS offering. These offerings will be transferred into an envelope by a teacher wearing gloves.
7. The Youth SS Class will use either facilities' bathrooms.

*Water, paper cups, and steel folding chairs will be provided for guests. Upon dismissal, chairs will be sanitized and returned by Deacons to their proper storage area.