

Ignite Middle Youth Ministry - Covid Guidelines & Content Form

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The Ignite team has invested time and energy over the last few weeks and months crafting an approach to the youth ministry year that is safe for both teens and volunteers in light of Covid-19. We also continue to assess our events and approach to make sure we are doing all that we can and to tweak or improve our efforts as needed. This stated, there is a certain amount of risk that we all take to participate in activities and events outside of our homes. In light of this, we wanted to remind everyone of the guidelines we are implementing in Ignite and ask parents to read and sign this consent form which hopefully is very clear and agreeable. If you have any questions regarding this information, feel free to email us at ignite@peopleofhope.net

APPROACH - GUIDELINES:

- Regular monitoring of volunteers and participants for symptoms of sickness during events
- Sanitizing agents will be readily available at all times to volunteers and participants at all events (hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies)
- Volunteers will oversee the cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces before and after events
- USE OF MASKS/FACE COVERINGS:
 - *OUTDOORS*: Encouraged use when not engaged in high intensity aerobic activity. Mandatory use when unable to maintain social distance of 6 ft., as per NJ State guidelines
 - *INDOORS*: Masks will be mandatory to wear when inside.
- Following the CDC guidelines on social distancing: 6 feet apart when not wearing a mask outside & mandatory at all times when indoors.
- We are discouraging physical contact (hugs, high-fives, etc.), and request that no sharing of items and equipment occur between individuals and groups
- Encouraging of frequent washing of hands, or use of hand sanitizer, by both participants and volunteers
- Any snacks or beverages at events will be packaged products handled with care by designated volunteers following specific food protocols.

PARENT CONSENT FORM:

I recognize that Covid-19 is an inherent risk. I understand that Ignite is following all NJ guidelines and implementing various recommendations outlined in the Archdiocese of Newark's Youth Ministry Resource Guide ("Accompanying Young People During Covid-19"). Participants and volunteers will be following the guidelines stated in this document with the ongoing support of Ignite leadership. I realize they cannot provide me, my child, or my group with 100% assurance that they cannot contract the illness while they are engaging in activities that are part of the program. Covid-19 is an inherent risk in every activity people choose to participate in at our current time and these activities are no exception.

Middle Schooler(s) Name:

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Today's Date:
