

CBCGB Children's Health and Safety Guideline

The parent/guardian of a child will be notified immediately if a health problem appears to be developing or in the case of an accident or emergency. At least one member of the Children's Ministry staff will be available at all times to assist in emergency.

Medical professionals have volunteered to respond to emergency requests and paging. These professionals will only provide advisory and emergency care. A first aid kit is available in a number of areas. Once first aid has been administered, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to arrange for further treatment and aftercare.

In a case of serious emergency, a 911 call will be placed immediately by a staff. A second staff not involved in caring for the injured or sick party will be sent to contact the parent/guardian. If it is impossible to find the parent/guardian, a staff will act as parent in absentia and will take whatever steps appear necessary.

No child or staff with any symptom of an infectious illness may attend any children's ministry program. Any child with a fever, oozing rash, vomiting, diarrhea or greenish discharge from the nose, eyes or ears will be immediately taken to a Children's Ministry staff member, and the parent/guardian will be notified. The parent/guardian will make all provisions for transportation to bring the child home. The child may not return to the church until there has been an absence of symptoms for at least 24 hours.

Every effort will be made to prevent the sharing of food, cups, etc. Children who have been observed biting others may be removed from the classroom and placed in the safekeeping of the parent/guardian.

Strict hand washing must be practiced by all staff before eating or handling food, after going to the bathroom or assisting in toileting or diapering, and after contact with body fluid (mucus, blood, vomit, etc.)

It is the parent/guardians responsibility to notify the pastor of Children's Ministry, preferably in writing, of any health condition pertinent to the child's well-being such as epilepsy, toxic reaction to insect stings, food allergies, asthma, diabetes, etc.

Medication: Children's Ministry staff do not administer medication with the exception of injectable epinephrine for the emergency treatment of a serious allergic reaction to insect stings or food. Such injections should be out of the reach of children, but immediately available for the prescribed children use at all times. The Children's Ministry staff does not administer any other prescription medication. Under no circumstances will medication be administered to anyone other than the child for whom it has been prescribed. The parent/guardian of a child requiring treatment for asthma will be contacted and will be responsible for administering such treatment.