

On-Campus AWANA: COVID Safety Procedures

We are so excited to begin preparations to **bring AWANA back on campus in January!** We know that clubbers and their families are craving in-person time with friends at church. *So are we!* Face-to-face fellowship recharges us and centers us around the love and purposes of God.

One of the main concerns is: **How will we keep kids and leaders safe?**

We have **interviewed other area AWANA ministries** who have resumed on-campus programming since September. While these ministries are few, they have **tested and implemented great safety measures** that have been met with a lot of success.

We've taken the **absolute best of these practices** to develop our own strategy, outlined below:

1. **Hand Washing:** All clubbers/leaders will wash hands upon arriving at club and at each inside/outside transition. We will also encourage handwashing prior to leaving club.
2. **Mask Wearing:** Per Maricopa County regulations, we will be requiring *all persons 6 or older to wear a mask during club, no exceptions*. Those unable to wear a mask will be unable to attend. Masks will **not** be worn during game time or during outside play activities.
3. **Regulated Spacing:** We will be reducing the number of clubbers/leaders per table to 5 or less. Tables will also be spaced out to avoid over-crowding rooms/areas. We will also forego any **all-club indoor gatherings**; teaching, events, and ceremonies will be held for each individual club (Cubbies, Sparks, etc.) rather than program-wide. During large group seating, an empty chair will separate members of different households.
4. **Household Grouping:** Family members in the same club (Cubbies, Sparks, etc.) will be seated together to minimize chances for household-to-household exposure.
5. **Sanitization:** Rooms, contact surfaces, seating, and outdoor play areas will be sanitized every week by our leaders and staff.
6. **Food and Drink:** No food or drink will be served or shared during club. If desired, clubbers should *bring personal water bottles* for hydration during club.
7. **Exposure Prevention:** If a clubber/leader directly interacts with *a COVID-positive person* within a week of their test result, or if they interact with *a COVID-positive person's same-household family member*, the exposed clubber/leader—and *any other clubbers/leaders in their household*—will be asked to *skip 2 club nights*. They may return to club on the third club night if they are symptom-free and have not taken medication.
8. **Symptomatic Attendees:** If a clubber or leader arrives at club showing *any signs of illness* (runny nose, cough, flushed face, fever, etc.), they—and *any other clubbers/leaders in their household*—will be *sent home*. They must *skip 2 club nights* and may return on the third club night if they are symptom-free and have not taken medication.