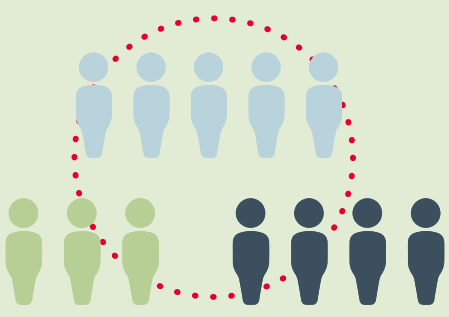


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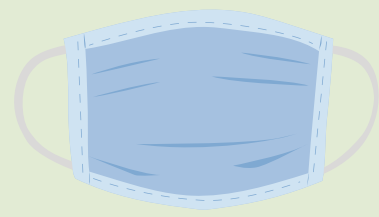
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S AND
YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMMING



Smaller

Social distancing will continue to be important this summer.

Consider how you might offer smaller group gatherings that are grade, topic or location specific which can allow for more space between participants. How will you encourage children and youth to maintain safe physical distance?



Safer

Precautions for spreading COVID-19 include wearing masks while in groups, increased sanitization between facility usage, and frequent hand washing. Consider what you can offer that allows for these practices, and if you will require extra measures such as temperature checks.



Local

International and inter-state travel are not recommended for mission or other youth and children's trips. Consider partnering with local mission agencies to create relationships in your communities that can continue through the COVID-19 crisis and beyond.



Virtual

The online spaces created out of necessity have become vital to ministry with young people. Consider continuing or expanding these virtual connections through the summer to allow for larger gatherings and to include those that are at-risk or not comfortable returning to in person.

You are doing ministry

This has been a time of frustration, grief, creativity, and connection. As children and youth workers, the care and guidance you are offering to the people you pastor will make a difference in their lives now and to come. Though speaking into a screen can feel empty and thankless, the faces on the other end are showing up because you are offering hope, stability and unconditional presence. We believe in your gifts and give thanks for the ministry God has called you to do in such a time as this, and are honored to support you as you continue to proclaim the love of God to the church and the world.



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