

DBC Illness Policy for Children's Ministry

Ministry, especially children's ministry, brings people into close contact with one another. Therefore it is important to emphasize how critical it is that you keep your child/children at home if they are sick.

Regarding Covid specifically, the state of Maryland is defining Covid-19 symptoms as any ONE of the following:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- New onset of severe headache (especially with fever)
- New loss of taste or smell

For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from baseline.

Basically, our guidance states that if your child has one of those symptoms, then you should get your child a test for Covid-19. If your child has any of those symptoms, please keep them at home.

If your child tests positive for Covid, please let us know. If there is a chance that others were exposed while attending a DBC children's ministry, we need to let families know so they can be tested as well. We may also need to go virtual to ensure no further exposure occurs.

However, we all know Covid-19 is not the only illness our kids are exposed to. So parents are asked to keep their children out of Awana when they exhibit **any** of these additional symptoms **within 24 hours of club**.

- Runny nose (if not clear or if needs to be wiped often)
- Questionable rashes
- Impetigo
- Active chicken pox
- Measles
- Mumps
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

Please know that we will not admit sick children if they are clearly exhibiting these symptoms for the good of all those involved. If there is a problem or if a child has already been admitted and is displaying any of these symptoms, we will contact you and ask you to pick your child up.