

General Safety Policy (updated August 2022)

Our mission is to lovingly care for young children and to ensure their safety in Sunday School, Extended Session, and in the Nursery while parents and guardians participate in worship and Christian Education. Nursery Care is available on Sundays for both worship services and the Sunday school hour September-May, and during summer worship services. Sunday school and Extended Session is held September-May.

All parents of children and youth attending nursery care, Sunday school, extended session and youth fellowship activities are asked to fill out our Sunday school registration form available on our website. [Children and Youth Registration](#)

Please help us keep our records and your contact information up to date! Also, parents are encouraged to review Sixth Church's Child Safety Policy which is posted on our website. [Child Safety Policy](#)

Nursery parents should sign children in each time with Nursery Staff and provide a phone number for immediate contact.

Sunday School/Extended Session: Visitors are asked to provide Sunday school teachers/Extended Session workers with an emergency contact number when dropping of children. **Parents that will be leaving the church building anytime during Sunday School or Extended Session time are asked to sign in and leave an immediate contact phone number. The Sign-in sheet will be located in the hallway outside the Sunday school rooms.**

Nursery parents are asked to provide diapers, wipes and bottles that may be needed by the child. Please label all items.

Please alert Nursery workers, Sunday school teachers, and Extended Session staff if your child has specific allergies or special needs that we would need to be addressed. If your child has significant food/drink allergies, please provide/send an alternative snack.

General health policy

For consideration to the other children and their families, as well as the workers, please do not allow a child to attend Sunday School, Extended Session or come into the Nursery who is sick (having any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or severe cold/cough). If a child becomes ill during their stay in Sunday School, Extended Session or Nursery, the workers will notify parents immediately. Nursery workers are not permitted to give any medication, medical assistance unless specifically trained or instructed by parents.

The following symptoms or illnesses are causes for keeping the child at home:

If within 24 hours has experienced:

- Fever and chills: a fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Eye problems: Conjunctivitis, pink-eye, "cold" in the eye, mucus or discharge from the eye.
- Uncontrolled diarrhea and/or increased number of stools
- Any episode of vomiting
- Scabies, head lice, or other infestation; the child must be nit-free

- Impetigo (highly contagious bacterial skin infection): 24 hours after the first treatment has been initiated.
- Streptococcal pharyngitis (Strep throat): 24 hours after initial treatment and no fever for 24 hours
- Pinworm or ringworm infection: 24 hours after initial treatment

Covid safety:

Sunday school classes and youth fellowship gatherings will follow the churches established protocols. Masks are required in the building while Allegheny County is in a “medium” or “high” CDC community risk designation; N95 or equivalent masks are preferred while in “high.” Masks are welcome and recommended while in “low.” All staff, Sunday school teachers, and other volunteers working with children and youth are required to be vaccinated.

Building Evacuation Plan:

In the case of an emergency building evacuation, children will be led by teachers and staff out the most easily accessible door to the closest designated meeting location. Parents are asked to go directly to the designated locations to be connected with their children.

Evacuation Meeting Locations:

Location 1: Carnegie Library (parking lot or inside),
5801 Forbes Ave

Location 2: Condominium Garage (1680 Murray Ave)
Building Maintenance: (412 – 779-8200)

In Case of Emergency, Call 911 first. In order to help our young people in the best way possible, parents of children and youth with special needs are asked to complete a

[Individual Emergency and Lockdown Plan Form](#)

*All policies and forms listed in this document are available at www.Sixthchurch.org.