

Power Up Guidelines

Harbour has used three words during this time; unity, honour and grace. Please be patient as we navigate this new season in ministry.

Below are the procedures and guidelines specific to Power Up that will be followed during Sunday morning programming. These protocols are in addition to (not substitute for) the protocols already in place for Harbour's Sunday morning worship services.

We will abide by all protocols in place for Sunday services, with some specific clarifications and additions for Children's Ministry (Power Up). Please read the plan below for our programming.

Before Sunday:

We ask that you register your family (using Eventbrite) for the Sunday service by **Wednesday** to ensure plenty of preparation time for the Children's Ministry Team.

Sunday Morning:

Check Ins/Screening:

Please screen your entire family at home before arriving at church using this tool as a guide: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/pdf/screening-tool-colour.pdf>

If anyone feels ill, we ask that you please stay home.

Use the Church Center app to check your children in to Power Up *before* arriving at church. Instructions to install this app are available on the website.

Children in Grades 3+ are required to wear a non-medical mask. Children in Kindergarten to Grade 2 may choose to and will be encouraged to wear a mask.

When you arrive at church, please head directly to the check in desk that is now located by the church mailboxes in the atrium. A check in Volunteer will ask the child two screening questions. Children/parents need to be able to honestly answer "no" to both. The questions are: *1. Are you currently experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms? 2. In*

the last 14 days, have you been in contact with anyone experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms?

If child/parent answers no to both questions, parents can scan their QR code from the Church Center App. We ask that children use the provided sanitizer at the desk, or they may bring their own from home to use. Once check in is complete, proceed through the doors (closest to the Power Up supply room) and drop children off at their classrooms. We ask that parents and children abide by the directional arrows in the hallways, exiting through the double doors by the kitchen.

Classes:

Our rooms have changed to accommodate physical distancing:

JK/SK- Fishbowl (Pier 7).

Grades 1-2-Dock

Grades 3-4- Piers 1 and 2

Grade 5- Pier 5

Class size limits are as follows and include at least 2 leaders:

Fishbowl (Pier 7)- 15

Dock- 15

Piers 1 and 2- 15

Other Piers- 13

*In order to make sure every child has a safe environment to participate in, it may be necessary to close Children's Ministry without notice.

Program:

Our morning schedule has changed. There will not be a large group time in the Dock. Instead children will remain in their assigned classes for the entirety of the morning and a leader will facilitate a mini- large group Bible story and worship time with each class. Children will be encouraged to hum along during the worship portion.

During class time, children will participate in activities led by their small groups leaders. All activities have been previously approved by the Director of Family Ministry and adhere to safety guidelines. Children and leaders will be encouraged to remain physically distanced.

Snack:

Snacks and drinks will not be provided at any point in the morning. If a child would like to bring a water bottle from home, it must be labelled with their name, and kept close to them at all times.

Bathroom:

The bathroom is available for children to use if needed. We strongly encourage parents to take their children to the bathroom before the service. Only 1 child will be permitted in the bathroom at a time. A leader will wait outside the bathroom doors until the child is finished. If the child requires assistance, a parent will be contacted.

Check out:

We ask that parents check out their children immediately after the service.

If your child is in grade 4 or below, they will need to be checked out by you in order for the leader to release them.

Please enter the Children's Ministry area through the doors near the mailboxes.

Show your pickup code in the Church Center app to the leader at the classroom door to retrieve your child.

Exit through the double doors by the kitchen.

Families are welcome to stay and socialize after church. Parents must make sure their children adhere to guidelines during this time (no running around the church etc.)

COVID Response:

If a Power Up child, volunteer or staff member is diagnosed with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and has been in attendance at a Power Up service within the time where they could have been infected, Niagara Region Public Health will be immediately contacted and we will follow their guidance on contact tracing and any other steps that may need to take place. If at any time during a Power Up service, a student or volunteer begins to feel unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, they will be asked to notify a leader and wait in a designated contained area until further direction is given or pickup can be arranged.