

Covid Protocol for Youth Ministry – Howth & Malahide Presbyterian Church

Howth & Malahide Presbyterian Church is fully committed to adhering to all Public Health Guidelines so as to ensure the safety & wellbeing of all who participate in Youth Ministry activities.

Before....

- If you or your child are displaying any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with anyone displaying such symptoms, then you should not attend any church activity.
- Windows in the hall / room, where the event is being held will be opened so as to provide air circulation for the duration of the event.

On arrival.....

- Entrance doors to the hall / room will be held open at the commencement of the event so as to minimise touch of door handles etc.
- All persons over 13 years of age attending church youth activities are required to wear a face mask whilst within the buildings but these can be removed for the time necessary to consume any food or drink provided. Where masks are removed for this purpose – 2 metre social distancing is to be encouraged.

It is recognised that some people with certain medical conditions will not be able to wear face masks.

Spare disposable masks will be available in each hall / room to facilitate those who come without one.

- A hand sanitising station will be provided at the entrance to each hall / room.

During the Event....

- Name & contact details for all participants, including leaders is to be recorded in the attendance book provided and retained to facilitate contact tracing.
- A maximum of 15 participants including leaders will be allowed in the church hall for Sunday Special, Zone and GIG (subject to all participants aged over 13 wearing face masks).
- A maximum of 10 people will be permitted in tower in Howth for Crew and GIG (subject to all participants aged over 13 wearing face masks).
- Where group activity is undertaken involving the sharing of materials, all participants including leaders must wash / sanitise their hands prior to starting any activity.
- Where a child is seen to touch their face, they should be encouraged to wash / sanitise their hands.
- Where refreshments are served, all participants including leaders must wash / sanitise their hands prior to having food and immediately after food, prior to commencing the next activity.

- Singing is only permitted in Sunday Special and subject to reasonable spacing being provided between each child.

After the Event.....

- Exit doors from the hall / room will be held open at the conclusion of the event so as to minimise touch of door handles etc.
- All touch points will be sanitised, in accordance with the list provided, with either antibacterial wipes or antibacterial spray and wiped down with blue paper roll and then disposed of.
- Where tables or chairs are used, they are to be sanitised before they are put away.
- Refuse bags are to be removed from all waste bins and disposed of. New bags to be inserted.

These guidelines are under regular review. All leaders will be informed of any changes.