

Grand Rapids Immersion COVID-19 Protocol

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Immersion is going to look a little different this year, but our mission remains the same. We will continue to engage local youth in local mission while making it safe for everyone involved. In accordance with CDC guidelines and Governor Whitmer's latest executive order, we will offer Grand Rapids Immersion as a day-camp model and incorporate the following protocol.

Requirements for Immersion participants (students and leaders):

- All students and leaders will be screened upon arrival each day of Immersion. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to go home.
- Wear cloth face coverings as is feasible, and especially when indoors and when physical distancing is difficult.
- Regularly wash hands for 20 seconds to practice hand hygiene.
- Cover coughs and sneezes and throw away used tissues immediately.
- Practice 6 ft social distancing as much as possible.
- Group leaders are responsible to provide transportation to and from Immersion. We recommend students get dropped off by a family member each day.
- Arrival times will be staggered for each group joining Immersion to ensure minimal parent to parent contact.
- Participants will bring their own Bible (if they have one) and water bottle.
- Notify the Immersion Director immediately in the event that a student or leader has symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive, or has contact with someone who tests positive or has symptoms.

Requirements for BSM Immersion staff and volunteers:

- BSM will administer daily health screening of all staff members upon arrival.
- Teach and reinforce handwashing for 20 seconds.
- Encourage Immersion participants to cover coughs and sneezes and throw away used tissues immediately.
- Wear cloth face coverings as is feasible and especially when indoors and when physical distancing is difficult.
- The BSM will supply soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, paper towels, tissues, disinfectant wipes, cloth face coverings (as feasible), and no-touch/foot pedal trash cans.
- The BSM will have a designated staff member on-site at all times to oversee that proper protocol is being practiced.
- The BSM will post signs with healthy hygiene practices and recommendations.
- The BSM staff will routinely clean surfaces including door knobs, sink handles, and other frequently touched surfaces.

- The Immersion groups will be outside as much as possible and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible in indoor spaces.
- Practice 6 ft social distancing as much as possible.
- For meals, the BSM will provide prepackaged/catered meals for each participant with disposable utensils.
- The BSM will enforce the following procedure in the event that someone gets sick on Immersion.
 - If a staff member or student has symptoms, tests positive or has contact with someone who has symptoms or tests positive, they will notify the Immersion Director.
 - If a staff member or student experiences symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive or is exposed to someone with COVID-19 at any point during the Immersion experience, they will be separated from the group and sent home.
 - The emergency contact person for Immersion participants, local health department, and staff will be notified maintaining confidentiality if someone tests positive or experiences symptoms of COVID-19.
- BSM Immersion staff will be trained as to guidelines and protocol to follow in light of the CDC and the State of Michigan executive order.

*These protocols are subject to change depending on updates from the CDC and local and government officials.

Sources:

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