**Wisdom Builders Safety Plan**

After much reading and research, seeking guidance and counsel, and praying for the Lord’s wisdom, all of the following information has been considered in developing a safety plan for Wisdom Builders. WB wants to develop practices that are doable, effective, wise, full of common sense, and consistent regarding COVID-19. It is our desire to put into place good practices for public health and safety during these unusual times.

Our goals through this safety plan are to minimize exposure of the virus and illnesses through consistent infection-control practices. While it is impossible to keep everyone free of COVID-19, these helpful procedures and practices should help to greatly minimize risks.

**Before Coming to Wisdom Builders**

**Waivers**:

Children, parents, tutors, and aides will be required to have a COVID-19 waiver signed by a parent/guardian or themselves on file prior to attending WB. A copy of the waiver is attached to this email. One waiver per family is all that is needed but all children attending WB need to be listed on the form.

Adults 65 and older, and those with known high-risk medical conditions, are advised to not attend Wisdom Builders, or to confer with their health care provider before doing so.

**Illness**

Keep sick children at home and quarantined. Parents shall further be responsible to keep a child home upon any additional symptoms of being ill, such as yellow or green discharge from nose.

**Symptoms of COVID-19:**

\*A fever of 100\*F or greater

\*Persistent cough

\*Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

\*Chills

\*Muscle Pain

\*Headache

\*Sore Throat

\*Loss of taste or smell

\*Congestion or runny nose

\*Nausea or vomiting

\*Diarrhea

**Return After Illness**

If a child has a confirmed case of the virus, the child and the family will be able to return to WB after quarantine of 7 to 10 days, and the entire family is not contagious.

Bottom line: Do not come to WB sick. Any mitigations by way of face masks and extra distancing are not enough to entirely prevent the spread of disease.

**Other Preparations**

Parents, please teach your children how to wash their hands well (20 seconds is the guideline), especially after using the restroom and before they eat. Encourage them to not touch their eyes, nose, or mouth, and when they need to cough or sneeze to turn away from people and to do so into a tissue or into their arm. WB will frequently remind children to either wash their hands or use a hand-sanitizer, especially after they cough or sneeze.

**Supply Box**: Children are encouraged to bring their own supply box filled with items like scissors, glue stick, ruler, pens, pencils, papers, markers, hand sanitizer, etc. They may instead use supplies at WB, but will need to use a hand sanitizer to clean their hands before and after the use of supplies. Shared supplies will be cleaned after each use.

**At Wisdom Builders**

**Face masks and Social Distancing**:

It is WB’s position that for individuals who are not sick, the use of face masks and the practice of social distancing can hinder the education and well-being of the children.

**Face Masks:** To avoid the wearing of masks, it is imperative that sick children and adults remain at home to avoid spreading illnesses. Any child or adult who prefers to wear a face mask, however, is free to do so.

**Social Distancing**: With regard to social distancing, the CDC has not given any objective evidence on the effectiveness of the 6-foot rule. Because this practice has been stated as a guideline from an executive order, rather than as a law, WB will not enforce social distancing.

**Arrival and Departure**

Enter and exit by Door #2. The entrance and exit will be door #2 by the Great 8 desk. Parents are to bring their children to their first class and pick them up from their last class. High school can walk in and out by themselves and 7th-8th can walk out by themselves.

**During the WB Day**

**Classrooms:** Classrooms will have cleaning supplies to be used by the tutors and aides as needed to spray tables, supplies, doorknobs, and such, preferably after each course.

**Hallways**: Short semester classes will go out into the hallways on the hour, and long semester classes will go out into the hallways 5 minutes after the hour or when the aides deem that the hallways are clear to avoid congestion in the hallways. When feasible, the back doors in the hallways may be opened to help with air flow. At these times, a designated aide or Great 8 person will be at the doors to oversee security.

**Gym**: In PE, where balls and such are shared, children will use a hand sanitizer after PE lesson is done or they may wash their hands with soap and water in the restrooms near the gym. PE lessons will be held outside as much as possible, depending on the weather.

**Lunchroom**: Lunch will be held in the lunchroom area and in the gym. Tables and microwaves will be disinfected after each lunch period. The vending machine will be cleaned before and after the high school lunch period. Children will use hand sanitizer before and after lunch.

**Restrooms:** All restrooms will be disinfected periodically throughout the day.

**Drinking Fountain**: The drinking fountain will not be used, but the water bottle refill part of the drinking fountain may be used. Hourly, the water bottle part of the drinking fountain will be disinfected.

**Illness During the Day**

We will send sick children home if discovered at WB. WB will closely monitor the health of the students and respond quickly to an outbreak, should one occur. If a child becomes ill at WB, the child will wait in a separate, designated room until picked up by a parent.

**Final Thoughts**

Our goal is to be wise, responsible, and thoughtful in our response to limit exposure and maintain a safe, healthy environment for our participants. With God’s leading, I believe we have developed a good plan. It is impossible to be germ free, and it is impossible to rigidly enforce a 3 to 6-foot social distancing rules. What I have laid out, I strongly believe, will keep our families safe, and working together and with the Lord’s help, I believe this can be done. In Him, Donna Rollins, Wisdom Builders Director