

Winter weather Policy: If school is canceled

ZYouth follows the policy that if the Clear Lake School District cancels classes and/or evening activities then we will most likely be canceling all youth activities as well. In the event that we decide to cancel, an email will be sent to the email addresses provided with the student's registration form. It will also be posted on the ZYouth Facebook page, signs will be hung on the HUB entrance doors, and the Zion Church Office will be notified.

Winter weather policy: If weather starts during ZYouth

If bad weather springs up during the event, parents can use their discretion if they need to pick up their children early. Or if we do need to end the event early, we will have kids contact their parents for a ride home. For those who drove themselves, the students will still be instructed to contact their parents for permission. At that point, parents can give them permission to drive home or if they need to be picked up.

Tornado Procedure

ZYouth also has a procedure in place for strong storms and in the event of a tornado. If a tornado warning is issued and/or the sirens go off, students will make their way to the basement of the HUB facility and ride out the storm down there. They will remain there until the storm has passed and the all-clear has been issued.

Fire Procedure

For any type of emergency that would force us out of the HUB Facility, ZYouth will head calmly over to Zion on 4th building (112 N 4th Street). All students will be required to check-in at the church. The rendezvous location will be the pews of the main sanctuary. At that time, attendance will be taken and students will be instructed to notify their parents. Once everything is under control, students will be released to go home.

Zion Sick Policy

No sick child or volunteer should attend a ministry event. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to check if the child has symptoms before sending them to programming. If the parent or volunteer desires to discuss the policy further, the ministry team member will refer the parent to the coordinator, Director, or Pastor. It is not appropriate to debate the policy or the decision not to accept the child during check-in in front of other parents.

If a child or volunteer's sickness is discovered or he or she becomes sick after check-in, the ministry team member will consult with other team members at programming, and, together, will decide on one of the following options:

- Contact the parent to come immediately
- Isolate the child from the other children
- If possible, send one team member to get the parent
- Let the child remain, but inform the parent immediately at pick-up of our sick child policy
- Have a staff member or other volunteer fill in for the sick volunteer

A child or volunteer with any of the following symptoms will be asked not to participate with the other children. If a child should develop any of these while in the programming, the parent/guardian shall be notified, and the child will be picked up in a timely manner.

- Fever over 100°F in the last 48 hours
- Vomiting in the last 48 hours
- Diarrhea in the last 48 hours
- Skin rashes of unknown origin, including but not limited to: impetigo, measles, chickenpox, etc. If your child contracts any of these or another contagious illness, please notify Zion ASAP.
- Persistent coughing associated with respiratory infection including cold, bronchitis, and so forth.
- Running nose with a yellow or green colored discharge or congestion associated with a cough or fever.
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye) that may also have a colored discharge or drainage.
- Parasites, any form of lice, mites, or ringworm. These aren't common but when present are very contagious.
- Students should follow Covid Guidelines as outlined by the CDC.

*The parent or guardian of a child is the only one allowed to administer any form of medication to a child with the exception of diaper rash cream with parental instruction.