



Hi, EPIC Families!

In light of COVID-19 and the desire to maintain the safest environment possible for our kids, volunteers and families, we've made several adjustments for EPIC this coming year.

### **ONLINE AND IN-PERSON OPTIONS**

We will be offering both online and in-person options for participation in EPIC.

**Online participants** will receive a weekly link to teaching videos which can be viewed at home, as well as a guide for family activities and devotional time. We're also exploring options for online small groups, as well as various online family activities throughout the year.

**In-person participants** will join a modified program (with various restrictions in place, as outlined below) which will include fun games, teaching and small group activities.

**TO HELP US PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE CONTENT,  
REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR BOTH ONLINE AND IN-PERSON.**

### **IN-PERSON CONSIDERATIONS**

Here's what we're doing to help keep the EPIC environment as safe as possible for everyone.

#### **Limited Registration and Group Size**

All participants for the in-person program must be registered before attending. We will not be able to offer drop-in registration or bringing buddies at this time.

Group sizes will be limited by space. To increase availability, we will be using multiple areas of the building for programming. Each of these spaces will function as a self-contained program area to eliminate any group cross-over and keep numbers in each area low.

After registering, you will be notified of which area your child will be in. The program will be identical in each of the three areas.

Further, to limit the number of individuals in the building, we ask that only one parent/guardian enter to drop-off/pick-up and that it be the same person when possible. Participants must stay with their parent/guardian at all times in the building before check-in or after pick-up.

### **Increased Sanitation and Health Practices**

All participants, volunteers and parents in the building will be required to wear a mask at all times indoors, as well as maintain six feet social distance from others outside of their family unit. Increased handwashing and sanitization will be encouraged for all participants.

Participants and volunteers will also complete a health screening upon arrival before entering program spaces. If you or anyone you have been in contact with has had symptoms of COVID-19 or a recent positive test, please stay home.

We also ask that participants minimize bringing anything non-essential to EPIC with them. Bibles and journals are permitted, and can be brought in a clearly labeled orange EPIC bag with name. Every participant will receive a new bag on the first night of EPIC, so don't worry if you don't have yours.

**NOTE:** Bathrooms will be closed before and after the program. They will be open during the program only for participants or volunteers.

Lastly, we're also taking extra steps to make sure the building is frequently and thoroughly cleaned, including any items that will be used during EPIC.

### **Adjusted Program and Content**

The program will be shortened this year with the new timeframe of 6:30PM-7:45PM.

In consideration of programming that meets the guidelines of social distancing, we will not be offering our typical game time as part of the program. Instead, we will incorporate new elements into programming to ensure we can still have a lot of the same fun you've come to love at EPIC!

Kids will remain in their assigned area throughout the program and follow a schedule similar to this:

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| <b>6:30-6:40</b> | Welcome and Large Group Game |
| <b>6:40-7:10</b> | Teaching Video               |
| <b>7:10-7:30</b> | Small Group                  |
| <b>7:30-7:45</b> | Small Group Activity/Craft   |

### **QUESTIONS**

There are many factors in making the decision on attending in-person or participating virtually with EPIC. Whichever one you choose for your family, please know we are fully committed to supporting both options with excellence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me on 630.450.8005 or e-mail at [ybailey@ccclife.org](mailto:ybailey@ccclife.org)

Thanks!  
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