

**EDGE MINISTRY
COVID-19 STANDARD
OPERATING
PROCEDURES:**



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DEAR EDGE FAMILY

We hope that you are keeping well. We are so looking forward to being able to reopen our EDGE Youth ministry hall for on campus services and ministry events.

As we aim to keep one another safe, we will only be opening the Edge Youth at 50% capacity for both the 08:15 and 10:00 service taking place on a Sunday morning. The total number Edge Youth attendees per service will be restricted to **only 20 people**, with **pre-registration of each youth in this age group becoming mandatory**.

The following document aims to assist you by outlining **the standard operating procedures which will be taking place at the EDGE Youth ministry** when meeting in the physical EDGE space. Please note that we will be taking every precaution to ensure that you and your family are kept safe as you join us for worship at Gracepoint Church. We ask that you, in turn assist us in keeping our staff, leaders, teachers and youth safe by adhering to the standard operating procedures which are outlined in this document.

Please note that our **EDGE Youth online ministry** will continue as usual. Please see the communications platforms page at the end of this document for more information on this, or find out more at <https://gracepoint.co.za/the-edge-grade-7-12/>

WE PRAY FOR THE CONTINUED SAFETY OF YOUR FAMILY IN THIS TIME!

BEFORE ATTENDING AT GRACEPOINT:

**Please note that for your safety the Edge Hall will have been cleaned and sanitized in preparation for the event or service.*

Before you and your family attend a ministry event or Sunday service at Gracepoint, please ensure that you have completed/ checked the following:

1. EDGE Youth's pre-registration.

In keeping with the requirements outlined by the SA government, all members attending the Gracepoint campus for a ministry event or Sunday service, will need to be registered beforehand.

In order to ensure that the EDGE Hall is adequately prepared for all youth to attend, you will be required **to complete an EDGE pre-registration form by 17:00 on Saturday** (before you attend the Sunday service) for every youth attending the EDGE Youth ministry on the next day (Sunday).

You can access the EDGE Youth pre-registration form here:

EDGE Youth **08:15** service - <https://forms.gle/chK3ipP8RM8hHMwp6>

EDGE Youth **10:00** service - <https://forms.gle/BUJAEUyU1a6jB5Jv9>

Please do not register your EDGE Youth on the adult link for attending services.

2. You have the necessary items for the event or service:

Please could you ensure that your child brings along the following items, as no sharing of items will be allowed.

- A face mask
- Alcohol sanitizer or wipes (optional)
- A water bottle (optional – no food or drink will be served)

ON THE DAY:

1. If at all possible, please ensure that you arrive **at least 10 minutes** before the ministry event or service starts so that the necessary procedures can be followed and you are not delayed in attending. **Registration will be open 30 mins before the event or service is due to start and will close 5 mins** after the event has started as not to disrupt the event. i.e.: For Sunday services, registration will take place from 07:45- 08:20 and 09:30 – 10:05 respectively.

When you arrive at Gracepoint Church, **youth must not register at the adult registration stations, instead have them proceed directly to the Edge Hall. Two access points will be available to the Edge Hall:**

- i. The main foyer – please would you walk through the large double doors that lead out of the foyer and over the grass (so that you stay clear of the Kids Church classes).
 - ii. The small gate from the parking lot – if you would prefer to park at the top parking, the small gate will be open for direct access to the EDGE Hall.
2. Once you reach the EDGE Hall, **youth will queue on the markers** which have been placed 1,5m apart for your child's protection to begin the registration process.
 3. **Before entering the EDGE hall**, all youth will need to complete the mandatory screening and sanitizing process which will include a checking of symptoms, taking of their temperature and sanitizing of their hands and shoes. Hands will be

sprayed with sanitizer and feet will be cleaned through 'step-in' sanitizing stations.

*Additionally, should your child leave the classroom during the duration of the event or service, they will need to sanitize their hands and feet again upon re-entry.

BASIC SAFETY GUIDELINES TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY (COVID-19):

1. Conscientious hand hygiene (frequent and thorough handwashing and avoidance of touching of the face and eyes),
2. Cough and sneeze etiquette (please cough or sneeze into your elbow)
3. Wearing of a face mask that covers your mouth and nose at all times when in public
4. Staying at home when sick and regular screening of symptoms (please see the below check list for guidelines for screening)

Screening procedure		
Question	Yes	No
Do you have a high temperature?		
Do you have a cough?		
Do you have a sore throat		
Do you have difficulty breathing (shortness of breath)		
Do you feel weak and tired today?		
Can you taste food and drinks normally?		
Can you smell normally?		

5. Communicating routinely – **should your child or anyone you have come into contact with in the last 14 days exhibit Covid-19 symptoms or test positive for Covid-19, please let us know as soon as possible** via hloni@gracepoint.co.za or WhatsApp 079 946 3367

ACTION TO BE TAKEN WHEN A CHILD APPEARS ILL OR DISPLAYS SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19:

Providing a safe environment for relationships is an integral part of earning and keeping the trust of children, families and parents. As we lead and disciple, we must make every effort to be wise in all situations. Taking care of each student and keeping them safe is of utmost importance.

The following guidelines will be followed in accordance with guidelines outlined by the Department of Basic Education:

When a child/learner appears to be sick or displays symptoms of COVID-19, such as dry cough, high fever, respiratory distress or shortness of breath, or report a sore throat, the procedure below must be followed:

- a) **Isolate** the learner and keep them separate from others until they can be assessed be taken home or assessed by a health care professional.
- b) Provide the learner with a **face mask** if they don't already have one on.
- c) **The parents or guardians of the child/learner must be informed immediately.**
- d) The child is to be taken home by the parents or guardians and then venue is to be fogged down and sanitized as soon as possible.
- e) GAP Gracepoint is to be advised on any further actions to be taken.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN WHEN A CHILD/LEARNER MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19:

The following guidelines are to be followed in accordance with guidelines outlined by the Department of Basic Education:

- All close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case are required to **quarantine in their homes for 14 days** while being monitored for symptoms. They may not attend Gracepoint events or services.
- Learners who are not contacts of a confirmed case may continue to attend school or Gracepoint events or services. Family and friends who have not had close contact with the confirmed case do not need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities such as reporting to school or work or attending Gracepoint, unless they begin to develop symptoms.
- Learners who have interacted with a healthy contact of a confirmed case, specifically, should not be excluded from attending Gracepoint events or services. A person who comes into contact with the healthy contact of a confirmed case, is unlikely to result in transmission.
- All case contacts who become symptomatic should immediately be tested by health authorities for COVID-19 and if they test positive for COVID-19, active contact tracing and self-quarantine of all contacts will be implemented.

ONLINE COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS:



Check out our **EDGE INSTAGRAM PAGE:**
EdgeYouthSA

for regular updates and fun items etc.



Check out our **EDGE FACEBOOK PAGE:**
TheEdgeYouth

for regular updates and fun items



Check out our **EDGE YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** Edge
Youth SA, for weekly online services.



Our Edge ministry has a **WHATSAPP GROUP** for
our teens.

To be added to these groups, please send a message
to **079 946 3367** with your name, and grade or use
the link below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/4qv1UUItlLi9boW8HHwopE>