

Decisions Related to COVID-19 Guidelines
1/20/2021

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, in an effort to protect the health and safety of our church family, and from a desire to honor Christ by obeying the authorities over us (cf. Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-15), Damascus Community Church has worked hard to comply with the guidelines, restrictions, and recommendations given by the authorities over us. We have restructured, remodeled, tailored, and adjusted our building, practices, and schedules to do our best in following both the spirit and letter of the instructions delivered to us, to the best of our ability, and wherever applicable. This has come at great cost and inconvenience, but we have done so as an offering of worship and obedience to Christ.

Recently, however, we were made aware of new guidelines that would, effectively, prohibit DCC from offering age-relevant ministry to our 3 and 4 year olds during our Sunday morning family faith gatherings, and put obstacles in the way of families gathering for worship. These guidelines are both complicated and inconsistent, and we are seeking clarification for how they truly apply to our ministries. In the meantime, because the Scriptures are clear about the importance of discipling children (ex. Deut. 6:4; Psalm 78:5-7; Prov. 22:6; Matt. 15:5-6; 19:14; Acts 2:38-39), and because we value a family's ability to participate in our Sunday gatherings (Heb. 10:25), DCC has chosen to continue our Sunday School ministry to 3 and 4 year olds, in obedience to the Word of God (cf. Acts 5:29). We continue to pursue compliance with safety protocols as best we understand them, both in pursuit of obedience to the authorities over us, and to provide as safe an environment for ministry as we can.

We welcome your input, questions and concerns as we strive to serve the needs of the body.

By His Grace,
The DCC Elder Council / DCS School Board