

# Summit Bible Quizzing COVID-19 Protocol

## September 2021

### **Description:**

Summit Bible Quizzing (SBQ) is a youth organization for students ages 9-19. Students compete once a month in a game or sport which we call a "quiz". Each month, the students study certain chapters from the Bible. At each quiz, they are asked questions from the material they studied that month. The competition is set up as a game, with teams competing against other teams.

There are approximately 120 teenagers involved each month, with 40 adults supervising them and serving as officials for the competition. For this season, no spectators will be allowed in the building, cutting our size by 50%.

All quizzing takes place at a host church, Lee's Summit Community Church. Quizzing starts at 12:30 and ends at 3:30. We will have quizzes October 17, November 14, December 12, January 9, January 23 and February 6.

**At SBQ, we take seriously the health of all our participants and their families, and we have made many changes in how we operate to protect our families and stay within the guidelines of the Jackson County Health Department.**

### **Overview of changes for the 2020-2021 Season**

**The following is an overview of changes to how we will operate as a result of COVID-19.**

- All participants are required to wear a mask or face covering, as described by the Jackson County Health Department.
- Social Distancing is required throughout the day.
- No Spectators will be allowed in the building, except if a child needs their parent. This will cut our size by 50%. We will be livestreaming each competition so families can watch online without entering the building.
- We will not have any meetings for announcements, or other gatherings or meetings of large numbers of people.
- We have shortened our day by 25%.
- Participants are required to avoid forming large groups and should always proceed directly to their next location.
- Participants are not allowed to bring food into the building. They should eat lunch before arriving. There will not be a concession stand as in previous years.
- We have added hall monitors to help the transitions between competitions to move smoothly without students forming groups.

## **General Health Considerations**

- All participants and officials have been instructed not to attend if sick. We will repeat these instructions before each event.
- All areas of the building will be disinfected by the church before the day begins, and we will disinfect the rooms we use at the end of the day.
- We will disinfect frequently touched surfaces and communal spaces throughout the day.
- Disinfectant is available in several places in the building. The closest is in competition site 1, site 2 and site 3.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to everyone at several locations, including the Welcome Table.
- Extra masks will be available at the Welcome Table for anyone who forgets theirs.

## **Enforcement of Plan**

- Participants will not be allowed into the building until 10 minutes before their first quiz.
- Participants will be required to leave the building immediately after their final quiz.
- Participants will be allowed into the building using a staggered process to avoid forming large groups.
- Throughout the day, participants are not allowed to gather in the hallways, but are to proceed to the site of their next quiz.
- The 40 officials on hand will ensure that the participants are always wearing masks and that they are social distancing.

## **Communication to Participants**

- This plan has already been communicated to all participants and officials.
- This plan will be made available on our website, and a copy will be posted at the Welcome Table at the event.
- Future announcements regarding changes or updates will take place by email, and with posts on the Facebook page, and updates to our website and social media.
- All participants have been told not to attend if they are sick, or if they have contacted or been exposed to COVID-19. Each month we will communicate this in our monthly emails and social media posts.
- Participants and officials have been instructed to contact the SBQ Director (Greg Gossell) if they become COVID positive after an event. The Director will then contact everyone involved to inform them of the positive case and inform all participants and officials which they came in contact with about the positive case. The Director will not disclose the name of the individuals infected.

## **Facilities Plan**

- Throughout the host church, COVID-19 guidance signage is already in place in the building.
- Participants will only be allowed to enter the building using the doors at the lobby.
- Participants will be instructed to go directly to their first quiz.
- Hall Monitors will make sure the hallways are always clear, so the transition between quizzes can take place without lines or queues.
- The facility will be cleaned and disinfected both before and after the event.
- Seating of the quizzers will be such to encourage social distancing between teams.
- Tape will be placed on the floor where students will be instructed to stand behind when answering a question, which will be at least six feet from the officials.
- The hall monitors will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and communal spaces throughout the day.
- Participants and Officials will always wear masks or face coverings. Only the Quiz Master will be allowed to remove their mask to ask the questions, and the Quiz Master will always be more than six feet away from any other participant or official.

## **Contact Information:**

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