

A St. John's UMC Public Health Statement

From scripture we know that Jesus cared deeply for children and about their health, both physical and spiritual.

From its beginning, our Methodist history and tradition has included a passion for the health and wellbeing of communities by listening to and following the best medical advice available.

In our history, St. John's has been deeply committed to the protection of all children, specifically in the pioneering of our Safe Sanctuary policy.

As a community of faith, St. John's United Methodist Church believes vaccinations are the most reasonable course of action to ensure personal and corporate health and well being.

Children under the age of one are the most vulnerable because they have not received all of their vaccinations and children under age four have not received the full course of their vaccinations, making nursery aged children the most vulnerable to vaccine preventable diseases in our church.

Because of our deep commitment to the protection of all children, it is the policy of St. John's United Methodist Church that persons who choose not to vaccinate themselves or their children should refrain from utilizing the nursery area of the church (1st Floor of the Children's and Youth Building).

We respect the right to choose not to vaccinate a child or children, but we all must be careful not to expose or endanger those who have not completed the full course of their vaccinations.

St. John's UMC reserves the right to require a vaccination record at the time of registration for any ministry or program, as is deemed necessary.

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