

Kyoto Diocese Pastoral Activities for Children and Youth
“Safety Management and Infectious Disease Prevention” 2026 Edition

1. Basic Policy

The most important principle for activities involving children and youth is ensuring everyone can participate safely and with peace of mind.

We prioritize physical and mental health, and adults engage responsibly while upholding the dignity of children and youth.

We also exercise meticulous care to prevent accidents, infectious diseases, abuse, discrimination, and harassment.

2. Fundamentals of Safety Management

① Clearly define responsibilities

Designate leaders, responsible persons, and emergency contact personnel in advance, and establish communication methods.

② Know participant information

Obtain emergency contacts, allergies, pre-existing conditions, and any special needs beforehand, and share this information with necessary adults.

③ Confirm the safety of the activity location

Before the activity, check the venue, outdoor hazardous areas, evacuation routes, and the safety of equipment.

④ Establish a supervision system

Whenever possible, have multiple adults supervise children and avoid situations where an adult and child are alone together in a closed space.

⑤ Be careful with photos and videos

Always obtain parental consent for taking and using photos/videos. Do not post them on SNS or other platforms without permission.

3. Fundamentals for Preventing Infectious Diseases

① Check Health Status

If a child has a fever, cough, or feels unwell, they do not force participation; respect their need for rest.

② Frequent Handwashing and Disinfection

Always wash or disinfect hands before and after activities, before meals, and upon returning indoors.

③ Ventilation and Social Distancing

Ventilate indoor spaces regularly and maintain appropriate social distance.

④ Hygiene Management of Shared Items

Minimize sharing of teaching materials, stationery, etc. Wipe down or disinfect items after use.

⑤ Precautions During Meals and Drinks

Avoid sharing food or passing drinks around.

4. Mental Care and Spiritual Protection

Listen attentively to children and youth, noticing any anxiety, physical discomfort, or unusual behavior. Avoid immediate blame or judgment; prioritize a posture of attentive listening. Pastoral care should be based on a spirit of protection and respect, not fear.

5. Emergency Response

In case of injury or sudden illness, administer first aid immediately, contact the guardian, and seek emergency medical care if necessary. If an infectious disease or accident occurs, report it immediately to the diocese and consult on appropriate action.

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