

Governor Baker has allowed Houses of Worship to reopen Christian Education programs with restrictions and requirements as outlined by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). The United Parish has come up with a reopening plan that includes all state requirements. The plan requirements include:

- All staff and children must be screened prior to entering the child care space. (See attached screening tool.)
- Children will be escorted to the child care space prior to the start of service to ensure we will not be overpopulating the sanctuary area with more than 25 people.
- Children must remain within the same group at all times while in care.
- Staff will be assigned to a group and will not float between groups.
- Equipment will be sanitized before and after use
- Staff to child ratios will be maintained.
- Staff, children and youth above the age of 2 must wear a face covering.
- Books, stuffed animals, etc. will not be available for play.
- Children's belongings will be stored in an individually labeled storage container.
- Sunday School spaces will be rearranged to accommodate socially distanced individual play and barriers will be in place separating each age group and the bathrooms.
- Supplies will be stored and assigned to individual children/youth.
- Snacks will be pre-packaged and distributed with parent consent.
- Belongings from home will not be permitted.

· Preschool children will range from age 3 years old to 5 years old.

· Preschool age children will need to be able to attend by themselves.

· Cubbies will be available for each child or family in preschool.

· Nursery room will now be known as the family room.

· Family room will be available for parents or caregivers with children under the age of 3 years.

· Children in diapers will need to be changed by the parent or caregiver who brought them.

- A space separate from other children's work stations will be designated for children who become ill during Sunday School programming. This space will be a waiting area for children until their parents can pick them up.

The proposed start date for returning to Sunday School is September 20th, 2020. Nursery and Pre-School programming will remain suspended until further notice. Only Elementary and Upper Room classes will be held. All guidelines above will be followed. There will be at minimum, one teacher for each of the two class groups and one additional support teacher in attendance each week. Christian Education programming will be available as long as the Board of Health allows. We will be monitoring the map of average daily case rates weekly. If Winchendon turns yellow, the pastor will be contacting the Board of Health who will advise us.

Cleaning Plan: Sunday School team members will be responsible for using special CDC-recommended disinfecting products and be wearing gloves while sanitizing touch surfaces including but not limited to tables, chairs, and pencil boxes.

Below is a sample of a screening tool we will be using.

United Parish Christian Education Entry Screening

Name of child/youth _____ Date _____

You must ask your child the following questions **EVERY** time they come to Sunday school. **If the answers to any of the questions below are yes - your child will not be allowed to enter the building.**

Today or in the past 24 hours, has your or any household members had any of the following symptoms:

1	Fever (temperature of 100.0°F or above), felt feverish, or had chills?	Yes or No (Y or N)
2	Cough?	Y or N
3	Sore Throat?	Y or N
4	Difficulty breathing?	Y or N
5	Gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea, nausea, vomiting)?	Y or N
6	Abdominal pain?	Y or N
7	Unexplained rash?	Y or N
8	Fatigue?	Y or N
9	Headache?	Y or N
10	New loss of smell and/or taste?	Y or N
11	New muscle aches?	Y or N
12	Any other signs of illness?	Y or N

In the past 14 days, have you had close contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 (Coronavirus)? **Y or N**

Please do a visual inspection of your child for signs of illness (including but not limited to the following). Has your child/youth had any of the following? **Y or N**

Have you traveled to/from any states other than MA, NH, ME, VT, CT, RI, NJ, and NY within the last 14 days? If so, you must self-quarantine for 14 days before you can return to Sunday school.
Y or N

Have you traveled to any states other than those on the “low risk” map; MA, NH, ME, VT, CT, RI, NJ, NY, WA, OR, WV, WY and CO. (Questionnaire will be updated weekly if there are changes to this list <https://www.mass.gov/guidance/guidance-for-travelers-arriving-in-the-commonwealth-of-massachusetts#exemptions-to-the-quarantine-requirement>)

If a child is showing symptoms while at Sunday school, the child will be isolated from others and the parents will be called to come pick them up. In the event a child is experiencing shortness of breath or extreme difficulty breathing, emergency medical services will be called immediately.

It is extremely important to us to protect all children in Sunday school,volunteers, and families to the best of our ability. Individuals who do not complete the screening questionnaire will not be permitted to enter the Sunday School space.

Date

Please print parent//guardian name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian cell phone number

Parent/Guardian email address