

Dear UUCV Families, Staff, and Volunteers:

UUCV's Religious Education program has changed our in-person Religious Education (RE) policy, approved by the UUCV Board of Trustees on March 9, 2022. Though much in this policy will look familiar, we have made some significant changes to our COVID-19 Safety Policy. Please read the following guidelines in full. All who wish to participate in our in-person RE programs, events, and activities are asked to abide by these guidelines.

Spring 2022 Religious Education COVID-19 Safety Policy

General Safety

- Moving forward, we will no longer maintain a group size restriction for outdoor RE classes or RE events. Caregivers do not need to RSVP their children for RE events.
- Programming will remain outdoors for children ages 5 and over. UUCV will return to an indoor nursery for children ages 0-4 who have not had a chance yet to be vaccinated. Children older than 2-years-old are asked to wear a mask while indoors.
- Participants, staff, and volunteers who have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past two weeks cannot attend RE activities until they are out of quarantine. Any participant, staff, or volunteer showing any symptoms of sickness (i.e. a fever, a headache, coughing) will be asked to stay home and get well.
- If a participant or volunteer is diagnosed with COVID-19 after attending any RE activity, they are asked to immediately contact Fidelity Ballmer, Director of Religious Education, at Fidelity@UUVentura.org. Other attendees will be immediately notified, with personal details remaining confidential. RE activities will be suspended for up to two weeks.
- All participants and volunteers will be required to sign in upon arrival to ensure an accurate attendance record and for contact tracing purposes.
- Children will be supervised by at least two adults (staff and trusted volunteers) at all times.
- In general, parents & guardians are asked not to stay in the Sunday morning RE class alongside their child. On a case-by-case basis, caregivers may be allowed to attend RE programming alongside children who might need additional supervision or support. If caregivers would like to attend RE classes consistently, we request that they be vaccinated unless there is a medical reason not to be.

Location

- RE programming on Sunday morning will be held outside or in the UUCV youth group garage with doors fully open. Children ages 0 through 4 are invited in the building for an indoor nursery. We don't expect to welcome all children back inside their RE classrooms & the UUCV service until all

have had a chance to be fully vaccinated.

- RE children, youth, & RE teachers will have access to specific bathrooms & a water bottle station that is just for them.
- Middle Schoolers, high schoolers & youth group advisors are welcome to use Berg Hall for afternoon and evening events. Windows must be open with AC units & HVAC filters turned on. RSVPs are required for indoor events in Berg Hall and masks must be worn. No more than 20 individuals (youth & youth group advisors) may be present for indoor events.

Mask Wearing & Vaccines

- Wearing a face covering when attending in-person outdoor religious education activities is strongly recommended and optional. Masks that cover the nose and mouth are required for all participants in the nursery who are 2-years-old or older. Masks are not required when children briefly go indoors to use the bathroom or get water.
- RE volunteers & staff are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide documentation of vaccination. This includes full vaccination status & the booster vaccination.

Sanitation

- All RE participants, staff, and volunteers will be asked to sanitize their hands upon arrival.

With care,

Fidelity Ballmer, Director of Religious Education

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