

## Unity Presbyterian Church Nursery Illness Policy

Unity Presbyterian Church is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment while maintaining a developmentally appropriate ministry of hospitable care and spiritual growth for young children.

### Preventative Health Measures

When deciding to bring your child to Nursery, a good rule of thumb is: Would you want someone with your child's symptoms visiting your home? If not, please keep your child home with you for the love and attention they desire.

- Any Nursery staff, volunteers, or child who has any of the following symptoms will not be allowed to attend Nursery: fever or feeling feverish, a temperature greater than 99 degrees F, new cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, muscle aches or body aches, vomiting or diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell.
- All Nursery staff have had training on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located at all drop off doors. There are also stations throughout the preschool/nursery wing in high traffic areas.
- Frequent handwashing (upon entering the classroom, before and after handling food or drinks, diaper changes and assisting children with the potty, etc.) is practiced.
- Adults working with children under the age of 5, which includes our Nursery staff, will wear masks when indoors with the children. (*Note: This procedure will be reevaluated on an ongoing basis and at least by May 19, 2022*) Mask wearing by children is optional.
- Children are asked not to bring toys from home.
- The Nursery does not provide any food. Parents are encouraged to provide any drinks or snacks that their child will need during their time in the Nursery.
- Windows and doors (where possible) are kept open to allow for increased air circulation.
- Children old enough to appropriately play outside will utilize the outdoor playground as much as possible. Parents are asked to dress children appropriately for outside play.
- All Nursery/Preschool rooms are cleaned thoroughly at the end of each day, Sunday through Thursday by our contracted cleaning service. When these rooms are cleaned on Thursday afternoons following the close of Preschool for the week, they are typically not be used again after that until the opening of the rooms for Nursery on Sunday mornings.

## **Responding to Illness**

- If a child presents a fever or other symptoms of illness while in Nursery, he or she will be removed from the room and parents contacted through the beeper system to come and take their child home. The well children will move to another indoor location until the end of worship.
- Nursery staff and volunteers or children attending Nursery who test positive for COVID-19 or have a close contact situation are asked to notify Kathryn McGregor, the Director of Christian Education, as soon as possible afterward so appropriate protocols can be determined. Nursery staff, volunteers, and parents of children attending these programs will be notified that there is a confirmed case, but names will not be disclosed.