

The Weekday School at UPUMC COVID-19 FAQs

Will the WDS be open for the 2020-21 school year?

Yes, it is the WDS's goal to safely open. The WDS is committed to providing in-person classroom interactions. THHS Child Care Licensing is our licensing agency. To date, this agency has not closed schools. UPUMC Church Council has approved the WDS's operational plan for the 2020-21 school year. Both THHS Child Care Licensing and UPUMC Church Council have approved the WDS's opening this fall.

If a WDS family chooses to withdraw due to COVID-19, will families be refunded?

The WDS Board has voted to uphold the 2020-21 Tuition and Refund Policy. However, withdrawn families are not required to fulfill the balance of their 2020-21 tuition obligation. Please note, the withdrawn child(ren) will not be considered a current student.

If the WDS closes, will families be refunded?

This will be determined by the WDS Board of Directors. If the WDS is closed for two or more weeks, the Board will meet to consider both refunding tuition to families and reducing employee compensation. Please note, 80% of WDS tuition goes toward employee compensation. Additionally, the WDS is incurring additional costs to meet COVID-19 protocols that were not a part of our budget when the 2020-21 tuition was determined.

If there is a COVID-19 case at the WDS, will the entire WDS close or just the affected classroom?

The Dallas County Health Department will make this determination. The health department's decision is completely out of the WDS's control. Please note, the WDS will follow all directives, recommendations and guidelines given by the health department.

Additionally, if a WDS employee or child enrolled at the WDS tests positive for COVID-19, the WDS must report this case to the following groups:

- Dallas County Health Department
- THHS Child Care Licensing
- WDS families and employees
- UPUMC clergy and Church Council

With regards to the child or employee diagnosed with COVID-19, the WDS will keep his/her identity confidential to the extent possible as required by law.

In the event of a COVID-19 case, will the WDS require testing for children and employees?

The WDS will follow all guidance provided by the Dallas County Health Department. That said, the WDS would encourage families and employees to speak to their own health care professional about the need for testing.

When would the WDS consider distance learning?

While distance learning is not the preferred method of instruction for the early childhood education experience, the WDS will consider distance learning for closures of two weeks or longer.

What types of distance learning could be provided?

Distance learning would be coordinated and created with specific age levels and class options in mind. For example, the distance learning experience for a child enrolled in M/W Toddler 1 will be different than the child enrolled in 5 day 4s.

Teachers would be delivering a mix of online asynchronous (not live) and synchronous (live) learning to children. Asynchronous learning would include learning activities and videos (both teacher-created and professionally published) that mirror that particular age level's lesson plan activities. Synchronous activities will focus on Zoom meetings for circle time and/or FaceTime calls with individual children for direct teach activities.