



UPDATE: 29 JUNE 2020

ROADMAP TO RE-OPEN CHURCHES

[SA.UCA.ORG.AU/UNITING-CHURCH-MEDIA-RELEASES/COVID-19-UPDATE](https://sa.uca.org.au/uniting-church-media-releases/covid-19-update)

THIS ROADMAP REFLECTS THE SA GOVERNMENT'S STEPS AND IS CONTINGENT UPON THE MOVEMENT THROUGH THOSE STAGES. **CHURCHES ARE ADVISED TO TAKE A CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO REOPENING AND ONLY TO PROCEED WHEN ALL ASPECTS ARE CONSIDERED.**



Stay home if you have cold or flu symptoms



Wash hands and sanitise often



Vulnerable people* to talk to their doctor about what is appropriate for them

STEP 2 PLUS: (From 19 June)

STEP 3: (From 29 June)

A revised version of your **Government of SA COVID-Safe Plan** showing the new maximum patrons per room should be sent to you. A new plan is only required if the total amount of space or number of rooms originally submitted will increase (\$5000 fine applies).

- **300 max** on whole site: that is 4 rooms with 75 max per room
- 1 person per 4 sqm
- 1.5 metres physical distancing
- Record of attendance and contact details to be kept for all activities

- No max limit (provided appropriate space to adhere to physical distancing requirements)
- 1 person per **2 sqm**
- 1.5 metres physical distancing
- Record of attendance kept

In-person worship gatherings
Singing
Holy Communion
Baptism
Offering
Weddings/ Funerals

Allowed, up to 75 max in one room
Up to Congregation to decide
Strict guidelines**
Postpone except special circumstances
Online, one in service collection point
75 max within govt guidelines

1 person per 2 sqm
Up to Congregation to decide
Strict guidelines**
Contact Rev Sue Page/ Rev Phil Gardner
Online, one in service collection point
1 person per 2 sqm, record of attendance kept

Children's/ Youth ministry
Fellowship/ Bible study/ other groups
Church events (for e.g. camps)
Hospitality / food service

Further clarification being sought
May resume with appropriate hygiene and cleaning measures
Encouraged within govt guidelines
BYO allowed***

Allowed, within government guidelines***
May resume with sufficient spacing to adhere to, hygiene & cleaning measures
Encouraged within govt guidelines
Strict hygiene and within government guidelines****

Hall hirers

Calculate room capacities, need to see groups COVID-Safe Plan

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Emergency Food Relief

Follow UnitingCare's protocol

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Op shops

Record staff/volunteer attendance in-line with Synod of SA guidance , record customers only where practicable

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Cafes

See SA Government Commercial directive and guidelines

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Personal hygiene

Hand sanitiser at door, common areas

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Cleaning/ Multiple events (on the same day)

Cleaning required between each use

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* Vulnerable people are those over 70 years old, those over 60 with a chronic health condition, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over 50 years old with a chronic medical condition, and people with compromised immune systems. Synod Crisis Management Team (CMT) encourage church councils to carefully assess all vulnerable persons particularly in forward facing volunteer roles during these early steps.

** Individual cups and bread pieces/ wafers; gloves to be worn by those preparing, congregation members to use hand sanitiser before receiving Holy Communion

*** Children and youth activities are encouraged when there is good planning, consistent with the guidelines. Playgroups can now open. Special attention should be paid to cleaning shared toys before and after activities. We encourage good hand hygiene practices.

**** We continue to encourage BYO morning tea and food seated at tables. Servers in the kitchen may serve individual plates of food to people sitting at tables in the hall. Drinks may be served from a servery but physical distancing still needs to be maintained. No sharing of food or beverages using shared/self/serve utensils.



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