



UPDATE: 29 MAY 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: (From 1 June)

STEP 3: (TBC)



SA Government's COVID-Safe Plan [↗](#)
MUST be submitted before resuming any activities or \$5000 fine applies

- **80 max** on whole site: for example min 4 rooms with 20 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

- **All details/ dates are to be confirmed depending on State Government advice when released**
- Larger gatherings, TBA
- 1 person per 4 sqm
- 1.5 metres physical distancing
- Record of attendance kept

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

Allowed, up to 20 max in one room
Up to Congregation to decide
Strict guidelines**
Postpone except special circumstances
Online, one in service collection point
20 max within govt guidelines
50 max within govt guidelines

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

May meet together with planning in place
May resume with appropriate hygiene and cleaning measures
Encouraged to continue
Encouraged within govt guidelines
Not allowed***

Church office

May resume within govt guidelines, encouraged to work from home

Hall hirers

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

Emergency Food Relief

Follow UnitingCare's protocol [↗](#)

Op shops

Record staff/volunteer attendance in-line with Synod of SA guidance [↗](#), record customers only where practicable

Cafes

See SA Government Commercial directive [↗](#) and guidelines [↗](#)

Personal hygiene

Hand sanitiser at door, common areas

Cleaning

Cleaning required between each use [↗](#)

Multiple events (on the same day)

Cleaning required between each use

We are unsure what Step 3 will look like and when it may commence.

We encourage congregations and ministers to think and plan for what further easing of restrictions may look like for you.

* 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

*** No sharing of food or beverages using shared/self/serve utensils. Further guidance about this may be forthcoming.



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