



COVID-19 Response Plan

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The health and safety of our children, staff, and families is paramount. The below-listed policies and protocols are designed to help parents understand their role and the school's role in providing a safe and healthy school environment. These policies and protocols will generally be followed to the greatest extent practicable, will be adjusted as we continue to receive updated recommendations, and will supersede the policies listed in the School Handbook where applicable. **Please read through the policies and protocols carefully and please keep a copy handy for review as necessary. If you need an additional copy, please contact Angela Johnson, Director at angela@sbumc.org.**

1 | Texas Minimum Standard Health Protocols

We will continue to operate within the guidelines of the Texas Minimum Standards for Licensed Child Care Providers, as we previously have done. The Texas Minimum Standards includes a checklist from the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas (updated March 10,2021), in which we have used to create these policies and protocols.

In addition, we will follow CDC Guidance for Child Care Programs during COVID-19 with health and safety protocols. The areas of guidance the CDC and Texas Minimum Health Protocols addresses, and are specifically included in our St Barnabas UMC Early Education Center policies and procedures, are:

- ✓ Implement social distancing strategies
- ✓ Intensity cleaning and disinfecting efforts
- ✓ Modify drop-off and pick-up procedures
- ✓ Implement screening procedures upon arrival

St Barnabas UMC Early Education Center staff will take additional health and safety training related to COVID-19 through the Texas A&M AgrilLife Extension. These trainings include:

- ✓ Providing High Quality Experiences during COVID-19 for Emergency Child Care Settings
- ✓ Special Considerations for Infection Control during COVID-19

2 | Preventative Health Measures

- **Preparing Supplies**

The St Barnabas UMC Early Education Center has already begun purchasing and confirming the orders of needed supplies, such as non-contact infrared thermometers, gloves, and masks.

- **Staying Home**

It is vital that ***you keep your child home if they are ill or acting in such a manner which you believe they are becoming ill.*** We encourage you to check your child's temperature before leaving for school and for any symptoms associated with COVID-19 (described below). We will first rely on the social responsibility of each family to be as prudent as possible in sending their child to school only when healthy, but our second step is to screen each child and family upon drop-off. It is important for each family and staff member to be as vigilant as possible in monitoring for symptoms and communicating with the St Barnabas UMC Early Education Center Office if or when they start to feel sick. A doctor's note of clearance to return to school may be required. Please email (angela@sbumc.org) to communicate any concerns.

- **If a Child or Staff Member Is or Becomes Sick**

If a child or staff member should become ill while at school, the Director will escort them to the *quarantine isolation room* located next to the EEC Office. As stated in our Health and Safety policy in our School Handbook, a parent will be called for the child to be picked up. To the extent possible, we encourage the designated parent or child caregiver, who normally drops-off/picks-up (more on this request below), be the person to pick up the ill child from school. Upon picking up, we ask that you use the EEC entrance located in the back of the church in the Education wing. An ill child must be picked-up within an hour of their first communication alert by one parent/caregiver. Additional cleaning and disinfecting will be completed of the effected classroom or space that an ill child or staff member has been present.

- **If COVID-19 is Confirmed in a Child or Staff Member**

If your child, a member of your child's household or person your child has close contact with (a nanny, etc.) is confirmed with COVID-19, you are required to inform the EEC Director via email (angela@sbumc.org) ***immediately and no later than*** 24 hours of the diagnosis. If a child or staff member is a close contact of a person with COVID-19, s/he may not return to school until the end of the 14-day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for health care workers and critical infrastructure workers).

If a child or staff member is diagnosed, St Barnabas UMC Early Education Center will contact the Tarrant County Health Department and Child Care Licensing for guidance on how to respond.

Children or staff with COVID-19 or symptoms of possible COVID-19 infection (see list under Screening below) may not return to school until the following criteria have been met:

- ✓ At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
- ✓ The individual has improved respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath);
- ✓ At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; and
- ✓ Has received a doctor's note of clearance and/or negative COVID-19 test to resume participation at the EEC.

- **Allergies and Teething**

Children or staff who show persistent signs of runny nose, coughing and other respiratory issues that may be due to seasonal allergies or teething will be asked to obtain a doctor's note of clearance to participate in school.

This note will be dated, filed in the office, shared with your child's classroom teachers, and kept for 2 months. If symptoms are persistent after two months, we will ask that you obtain another doctor's note of clearance to continue participating in school. Please inform the school during the daily screening process about any allergy or teething symptoms your child may be experiencing that day. Please do not give your child fever reducing medicine if they have an elevated temperature and send them to school.

- **Monitoring Absenteeism**

As we have in the past, the St Barnabas UMC Early Education Center will continue monitoring absenteeism each school day. The EEC Office accounts for each child's absence from school by contacting the parent the second day if we have not heard why they are absent. We track the trends in absences for each class and the school overall.

- **Group Events**

For the time being, the St Barnabas UMC Early Education Center will not hold indoor group events. This includes any school-wide functions or any individual class parties where parents are invited.

- **Limiting Access to the St Barnabas UMC Early Education Center**

The St Barnabas UMC Early Education Center space is defined as the hallways and classrooms used by EEC. We will be limiting the number of people allowed into the school in attempt to minimize the exposure to any infectious disease. Only the following will be allowed to enter the EEC space:

- ✓ EEC Staff (teachers, administrators and facility custodial team);
- ✓ Persons with legal authority to enter, including law enforcement officers, Licensing staff, and Department of Family and Protective Services staff;
- ✓ Professionals providing services to children;
- ✓ Enrolled children (non-enrolled siblings or other children not allowed); and
- ✓ Parents who have children enrolled and present at the operation. However, we prefer that parents only enter when there is a legitimate need.
- ✓ Tours of the EEC program will not be conducted during school hours.

3 | Social Distancing Strategies

Since the grouping method allows for children within each group to intermingle, all stakeholders, especially parents and staff, must be aware that their actions play a critical role in reducing the risk of infectious disease transmission in our school community. Staff and parents are asked to maintain at least 6 feet of separation from other individuals. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face coverings, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.

- **Class Sizes and Classroom Space**

The EEC has always had small, individual class groupings which fall below even the *new* Modified Child Care Ratios (page 6) listed in the Minimum Standard Health Protocols published by the Governor's Task Force to Open Texas. The classes already meet in individual classrooms that do not share space with other groups, have the same children each class day which make for stable grouping, and have the same regular teachers. The classes will remain in their classrooms each day during the preschool hours, except for outside playtime and gym time. The children attending extended day hours in the summer will be grouped together with the same teacher for the extended day hours. These children will remain in their assigned extended day classroom for before and aftercare, except for outside playtime and gym. As possible, classroom arrangement will include additional tables so children can have better separation when doing table work or eating. Toys and materials that cannot be easily cleaned and sanitized will not be used and extra rugs, blankets, and pillows will be removed from the

classrooms. In order to reduce sharing of materials, the children will have individual sets of crayons, markers and other art supplies, and we will not have class-shared sensory (water/sand) tables and bins.

- **Outside Playtime**

Infant classes will be taken on buggy rides around the EEC facility and campus. Children in the 2 year-old and younger classes traditionally play on the Toddler playground and will continue to do so. We will stagger the outside playtime, so each group will use the space individually. High-touched metal and plastic surfaces will be cleaned routinely. Each class will have their own bag of outside play toys, such as balls, bubbles, hula hoops and activity mats, so that each group is not sharing these items.

- **“Specials” Classes**

The teachers will teach music and Chapel in their own designated classrooms so that the children are not traveling to a shared classroom with a different teacher. They will go to the Gym each day for their scheduled PE/vigorous physical activity time. Any materials will be disinfected before use with another class. The teachers will wear a face mask to help minimize the potential of spreading an infectious disease.

- **Naptime**

Children’s nap mats will be spaced out, and as possible, at least 6 feet apart, and positioned head-to-toe to further reduce the potential of viral spread. As always, the mats will be stored in the child’s individual cubbie and sent home at the end of the week to be washed. For cribs, are separated with walking space between them to further reduce the potential of viral spread and are disinfected after each use.

- **Signage**

EEC will also have signage around campus reminding persons to social distance and wash their hands.

4 | Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up Protocols

- **Designated Parent/Caregiver**

It is recommended that one parent or caregiver be designated to drop-off and pick-up the child at school each day. If possible, older people such as grandparents or those that are immune-compromised should not be the designated person, unless they have been fully vaccinated. This is because they are more at risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

- **Drop-Off Protocols**

- ✓ Drop-Off of children will occur at the EEC/Education building door located in the back parking lot of the church, beginning at 8:55am and will end at 9:10am for those attending the Preschool day. Those attending extended day care will be greeted at the door by a staff member upon arrival.
- ✓ Check-in station will be setup for you to drop your child off then, they will be escorted to his/her classroom and wash his/her hands.
- ✓ Check-In: The EEC staff will be signing your child in on the sign in/out sheet at drop off.
- ✓ Each child and family be will screened before the child can be dropped-off for school. Please see details about the screening process below.
- ✓ **Each non-vaccinated parent or caregiver dropping off their child must wear a mask.** Children are not required to wear a mask but are encouraged to do so if they are willing.
- ✓ As recommended and to provide the best opportunity to socially distance, EEC will have a staggered drop-off schedule with some children arriving during our before school care and some arriving at the start of the Preschool day.

- ✓ Late Drop-Off: It is essential for the efficiency of the drop-off process for parents and caregivers to be on time when dropping off; however, we understand there will be mornings when an emergency will arise delaying your arrival at school. If you are late, please call the EEC Office at 817-476-6174 so the Director can check your child into school and escort them to his/her classroom. A child's enrollment may be discontinued for habitual tardiness.

- **Pick-Up Protocols**

- ✓ Pick-Up of children will occur at the EEC/Education building door located in the back parking lot of the church, beginning at 2:20pm and will end at 2:30pm for those attending the Preschool day. Those attending extended day care will be greeted at the door by a staff member upon arrival.
- ✓ Check-out station will be set-up for you to pick-up your child and check them out.
- ✓ Check-Out: The EEC staff will be signing your child out on the sign in/out sheet at pick up.
- ✓ **Each non-vaccinated parent or caregiver picking up their child must wear a mask and bring your child's pick up sign.** Children are not required to wear a mask but are encouraged to do so if they are willing.
- ✓ As recommended and to provide the best opportunity to socially distance, the EEC will have a staggered pick-up schedule with some being picked up at the end of our Preschool day and some children being picked up during our after school care.
- ✓ Late Pick-Up: The EEC will still be following the Late Pick-Up policy that is outlined in the School Handbook.

- **Communication**

- ✓ Since we will be losing the regular face-to-face contact we normally have during the drop-off and pick-up process, please be sure to become familiar with checking your child's folder and email each day since the staff will communicate through this tool. This will be the main source of direct parent/teacher communication. The teacher will also be available for phone appointments to answer any questions or concerns you might have. We highly value clear and frequent communication with parents and teachers and will do our best in these new circumstances to maintain the level we are used to as a school.

5 | Screening: Staff, Children and Parents

- **Who Will be Screened**

The following individuals are required to be screened every day before entering the facility:

- ✓ EEC Staff;
- ✓ St Barnabas Church Staff that would be working in or around the EEC facility (e.g. janitors or front entrance receptionists, pastors etc);
- ✓ Persons with legal authority to enter, including law enforcement officers, Licensing staff, and Department of Family and Protective Services staff;
- ✓ Professionals providing services to children;
- ✓ Enrolled children; and
- ✓ Parents who have children enrolled and present at the school. Parents should only enter the EEC when necessary.

- **Screening**

Upon dropping your child off, each person will be screened for the following:

- ✓ Temperature check:
Using a non-contact infrared thermometer, each person's temperature will be checked. For children, we will follow the requirement listed in the School Handbook; which is, if a child has a temperature of 100.0* or higher they may not attend school for at least 24 hours and must be fever and medication free

for at least 24 hours before returning to school. *In addition, if the parent or caregiver dropping the child off at school has a temperature of 100.0* or higher, the child may not attend school for at least 24 hours so the child can be monitored for any potential symptoms while at home.*

- ✓ Symptoms of COVID-19 that will be monitored each school day include:
Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeating shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish or measured temperature >100.0* Fahrenheit (for children), has had known contact with a person is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19.
- ✓ Review of a child's close contacts and if any of them have a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19. If so, the child or staff member may not return to school until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure (with an exception granted for health care workers and critical infrastructure workers.) If a parent believes that they or their child has had close contact to someone with COVID-19 but are not currently sick, they should monitor their health for the above symptoms during the 14 days after the last day they were in close contact with the individual with COVID-19.
- ✓ Children or staff that are fully vaccinated (two weeks after receipt of the second dose in a 2 dose series or 2 weeks after receipt of one dose of a single dose vaccine and have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure, will not be required to quarantine . Proof of vaccine is required
- ✓ Please be familiar with the EEC Health/Illness policy listed in the School Handbook. We will be enforcing our policy of exclusion if your child has any of the listed symptoms. We appreciate your diligence and understanding when we must exclude a child because they have an illness symptom present.

- **Travel Alerts**

- ✓ Parents and children returning from travel to areas with community spread of COVID-19 must follow the guidelines they have received from the local health officials.
- ✓ Any unvaccinated parent returning from CDC international travel level 3 or higher must notify the EEC Director in writing (angela@sbumc.org) and the child should be kept home for a minimum of 7 days. Unvaccinated Children and staff who have traveled to a international travel will be excluded for a minimum of 7 days.
- ✓ An unvaccinated parent who travels to a CDC Level 3 area or higher or international travel area and does not notify the EEC in writing may forfeit their child's spot in preschool, with no refunds or credits issued.
- ✓ Please stay up-to-date with the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control – Travel information website.

6 | Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfectant Measures

- **Cleaning Products and Supplies**

- ✓ The EEC uses Clorox Beach and or other disinfecting products for cleaning and disinfecting, all of which are EPA approved for use against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). The staff will be trained how to use it effectively and safely. For instance, knowing how long the product must remain on the surface to be effective and using it safely around children.
- ✓ EEC will disinfect each classroom at the end of the day after the children have left.
- ✓ EEC is upgrading the HVAC system with MERV 13 filters to provide a more efficient air filtering system.
- ✓ The classrooms will be supplied with disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content. These items will only be used by staff and kept out of reach of children.

- **Cleaning and Sanitizing Toys, Materials and Surfaces**
 - ✓ We will continue our practice of collecting toys throughout the school day that have been put in a child’s mouth (or that are otherwise contaminated) and place them in the “to be cleaned” bin to be sanitized at the end of the day, out of the reach of the children.
 - ✓ Staff will be cleaning and sanitizing other toys and surfaces frequently throughout the day.
 - ✓ EEC has designated a member of the janitorial staff to focus on the EEC hallways and classrooms each school day. This person will be focused on cleaning and sanitizing surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, counter tops, toilet areas, tables, desks, chairs, cubbies, and high-touch areas on the playground.
 - ✓ Classroom restrooms will be cleaned at least three times a day.
- **Cleaning and Sanitizing Bedding**
 - ✓ Clean sheets for cribs will be provided by the parent and sent home to be laundered by the parent at the end of the week or more often when soiled.

7 | Caring for Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers

- **Holding, feeding and helping**

The hardest part about social distancing is the thought that we will not be able to give the snuggles and hugs like we are used to. However, we know it is still important to comfort crying, sad and anxious children; so, in order to provide the safest environment possible for our children and staff, the teachers will wear face masks to the extent possible, when in close contact with the children. If a staff member is not able to wear a face covering, they will exercise the best respiratory practices, like covering their mouth if they have to cough, not talking directly in the child’s face as much as possible, and washing their and the child’s hands as soon as able.

The staff in the 2-year-old and younger classes will wear a protective clothing cover, like a smock, wear their hair pulled back and wear no jewelry. All the staff will be required to bring a change of clothes to school each day so they can change into clean clothes, if or when needed. All families will be asked to provide at least two extra changes of clothes for their child.

8 | Healthy Hand Hygiene and Face Mask/Shield Wearing

- **Handwashing: Frequency**

Handwashing is the number one method of stopping the spread of an infectious disease in a school community. The EEC has always placed high value on good handwashing practices, and we will be placing even more emphasis now. Each classroom is equipped with a child-size sink to make it easier for children to wash their hands themselves, but teachers will supervise as necessary to ensure good handwashing techniques are being used. The teachers will be building lessons about handwashing into their daily curriculum so that the children can develop the healthy habit of frequent and correct handwashing. Children and staff will wash or sanitize their hands multiple times throughout the school day; including, but not limited to, upon entering school, after using the restroom or before and after diaper changing, before and after eating, and after outside playtime. Bottles of hand sanitizer will be spread out through the EEC campus and we encourage everyone to use some before entering the EEC area to drop-off or pick-up your child.

- **Handwashing: Method**

When handwashing, the teachers will have the children wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and then use a paper towel to dry their hands. If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol will be used if soap and water are not readily available.

- **Face Mask Wearing**

Non-vaccinated staff will wear face masks at drop-off, pick-up and in between to the extent possible. Children will not be required to wear a face mask. Non-vaccinated adults (parents, necessary visitors, etc.) in the EEC will be required to wear a mask unless otherwise unable to because of health reasons.

9 | Food Preparation and Serving

- **Snacks**

Snacks are required to be brought from home in a baggie or throw away container. Snacks time will be in the child's individual classroom. Staff will wear gloves when preparing and serving food to the children.

- **Lunch**

Please reference the policy in the School Handbook for complete details about providing a lunch for your child. We are also asking that EACH serving container (top and bottom) be labeled with your child's name or initials so they can be easily identified if separated from your child during lunchtime. Children should not bring food to share with others. Children will eat in the child's individual classroom.

- **Water**

Please provide a water bottle that is clean with fresh water for your child each school day. Clearly label the bottle with your child's name in a manner that it will not rub or come off.

10 | Preparing Your Child to Return To/Start School

Many children have some form of separation anxiety when beginning school or being away for an extended break. After months of spending lots (and lots) of time with parents during a period when there has been some level of stress and anxiety when outside interacting with other people, we expect that this may be a difficult transition. At the beginning of school you will receive a "Welcome to School" letter which will have resources for smoothly transitioning your child to preschool, have details about what your child will need to bring to school, etc.

We are planning to have our annual "Parent Meet The Teacher" on Thursday, August 19th and Friday, August 20th. These meetings will be by appointment only for each family to come in individually to meet your child's teachers and see the classrooms. We must limit these meetings to 15 mins per family.

11 | St Barnabas United Methodist Church

St Barnabas UMC and the EEC have agreed to immediately notify one another if someone on either staff or an immediate constituent has contracted COVID-19 so that we can determine if there was any potential for cross contamination.

12 | Financial Responsibility Policy

The St Barnabas UMC EEC Contracts signed upon confirming their child's spot is still in effect. However, the following additions and changes to each family's financial responsibility is being added and shall be confirmed upon this document being signed by the parent who originally signed the Day School Contract.

- Should the community be ordered to shelter-in-place and the school must close, the first 30 days will not be eligible for a refund or credit. The EEC will immediately commence an online learning platform with weekly Zoom opportunities for each classroom. The online learning will conclude at the end of the first 30 days of shelter-in-place.
- When school may resume, tuition will be reinstated (prorated accordingly) and due upon the first day of back to school.
- Pro-longed personal absence because of COVID-19 illness or related reasons (i.e. a child must quarantine with their household) will not be eligible for refunds or credits.
- If the EEC is advised by the local health authorities to close for a quarantine or if EEC decides to close for 24 hours, the tuition for that period will not be eligible for a refund or credit.
- For any subsequent quarantine closures, specific to EEC, families will still be required to pay tuition during the required quarantine and will not be eligible for a credit for future tuition.
- The "Withdrawal Policy" listed in the EEC School Handbook remains the same.

13 | COVID-19 School Attendance Waiver

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. While the risk of serious illness or loss of life is greatest in those 65 years of age and older and/or are immune compromised, persons in every age group can get COVID-19 and some will have a severe illness.

We should all be thankful that, with rare exceptions, COVID-19 is not claiming the lives of our children. However, we can never forget that a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread that infection to others who may be far more vulnerable.

COVID-19 is spread from person to person through contact that is close enough to share droplets generated by coughing, sneezing, speaking and even just breathing. COVID-19 can also be spread by touching objects where contaminated droplets have landed. Because of this easy manner of transmission, an infant, child, or young person who is infected with COVID-19 can spread the infection to others they come in close contact with, such as members of their household, teachers, or other caregivers. We have learned that infected persons with mild or even no symptoms can spread COVID-19.

These facts are vitally important when considering returning to the EEC environment and should be considered by each parent before returning their children to our programs. St Barnabas United Methodist Church, and EEC are taking specific measures, as recommended by the CDC and Texas health authorities, to promote a safe environment, but each family has to understand the inherent risk of their child participating in any kind of group care. We do not expect young children to effectively social distance from other children in their small class. We expect that infants, toddlers, and preschool aged children will, for example, continue to play in proximity to one another, share toys, or touch surfaces that may not be sanitized. Young children also need help from their teacher that require close contact, for example, putting on clothing items, putting their lunchbox away, or need help with restroom and diapering needs. Young children may also seek, and emotionally benefit from, comfort when sad or anxious. While our staff will generally not initiate hugs, it is expected that children will need hugs at time, thus, there will be some physical contact between teacher and children. To the extent possible, the teachers will remain with the same groups of children. However, there will

inevitably be times when, for example, the teacher needs to take a break or is out sick and another teacher will step in from another group to cover them.

All of these factors mean that while EEC will take certain precautions recommended to combat the spread of COVID-19, these measures will differ from those suitable for other social, business and commercial settings that adults may be more familiar with.

Therefore, as a parent or guardian, I agree that I will monitor the health of my/our child(ren) and not send them to EEC if my child(ren) are displaying any symptom of COVID. I agree not to send my child(ren) to school if my child (or any of his or her siblings), or any other member of our household or any other person with whom we have been in close contact, are showing symptoms of COVID-19. I agree to seek COVID testing promptly and report results to the EEC Director (angela@sbumc.org) given the implications for other children, families, and staff. Likewise, I understand that parents or guardians should protect any vulnerable persons who are members of the same household or come into frequent, close contact with infants, children and youth who attend EEC.

I understand that participating in the EEC or accessing our facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. St Barnabas United Methodist Church can in no way assure, guarantee or warrant that COVID-19 infection will not occur though participation in our programs or by accessing our facilities.

I understand that I may and should consult my family's health care providers about the risks of COVID-19 and participation in the EEC Preschool program and to do so as conditions surrounding COVID-19 change.

By signing below, I acknowledge receipt of the St Barnabas UMC Early Education Center COVID-19 Response Plan and, particularly, this COVID-19 School Attendance Waiver (the "Waiver and Release"). I am 18 years of age or older, of sound mind, and understand and agree to the terms of this Waiver and Release. I have been afforded the opportunity to review the contents of this Waiver and Release with an attorney of my choosing if I believed it was necessary to do so, and am under no legal obligation whatsoever to enroll my child(ren) in the EEC program or to continue to do so.

I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Programs may expose me, members of my family, or those with whom I have close contact to COVID-19 and to a risk of COVID-19 infection. I understand that medical research regarding the potential for infection with and harm caused by the COVID-19 is ongoing, and that no widely-accepted vaccine against or cure for COVID-19 is currently available.

As a result, I understand that the potential risks associated with exposure to or infection with COVID-19 are not fully known, but may include significant and serious illness, bodily injury, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability, and/or death. Nevertheless, having considered the risks of participation in the Programs, including those outlined in this Waiver and Release, I have determined that I desire for my child(ren) to participate in the Programs, of my own free will and out of my voluntary desire for my child(ren) to have the benefit of the Programs. Accordingly, for good and valuable consideration, including without limitation the opportunity to participate in the Programs, I HEREBY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE RISK THAT I, MY CHILD(REN), FAMILY OR OTHER PERSONS WITH WHOM I MAY COME IN CLOSE CONTACT, MAY BE EXPOSED TO OR BECOME INFECTED WITH COVID-19. I HEREBY, FOR MYSELF AND MY CHILD(REN) AND MY AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS, AND ALL THOSE CLAIMING BY OR THROUGH ME OR MY CHILD(REN), WAIVE, RELEASE, AND AGREE TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS ST BARNABAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, MINISTERS, TEACHERS, TRUSTEES AND VOLUNTEERS (COLLECTIVELY, "INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST ANY LIABILITY, LOSS, EXPENSE, OR OTHER DAMAGE—INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURIES, PROPERTY DAMAGE, DEATH, COSTS OF COURT, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES—ARISING FROM, RELATING TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF MY CHILD(REN) IN THE PROGRAMS, **INCLUDING THOSE WHICH ARISE OR ARE ALLEGED TO ARISE FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY INDEMNITEE.**

**Updated COVID-19 Response plan effective June 1, 2021

I have read, understand, and agree to the above COVID-19 Response Plan and the Release and Waiver contained in the COVID-19 School Attendance Waiver.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Today's Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Names and ages of child(ren) attending: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN #2 (IF APPLICABLE)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Today's Date

Parent/Guardian Name