

Updated Covid Policy - April 28, 2022

In light of the current information and best practices relating to COVID mitigation, the Board has revised COVID policies for UUFHC. While these changes will significantly lessen restrictions, it is important to note that COVID is still a concern, particularly for those of us who are at higher risk or immunocompromised.

We are fortunate to be able to offer services and other activities both in person and virtually, and our commitment to multi-platform engagement continues to be a priority so that we can offer alternatives for those who prefer not to return to in-person engagements.

It is essential that we as a community continue to take all the recommended precautions to prevent spread; however, we are now in a place where decisions about risk should be made by individuals and families.

The Board has made the following policy changes effective immediately:

- RSVP is no longer required prior to services.
- There is no longer a maximum occupancy in the building.
- Outside groups will once again be able to use the building.

In addition to the above, the following policy changes, also effective immediately, reflect the continuing need to take COVID seriously, and represent the Board's strong commitment to ensuring that we maintain systems to help us minimize risk.

- Proof of vaccination is no longer required to enter the building.
 - The Board strongly encourages all congregants to be fully vaccinated. We will continue to keep the vaccination registry up to date so that we can track at what rate the overall congregation is vaccinated. This will be an important data point in future decision making and as such, we ask individuals to continue to report vaccination.
- Masking will remain optional for worship leaders. Masking will now be optional for congregants except while singing.
 - While masks will be optional, we recognize that there are those who prefer to keep masking in place. We will be creating a "mask section" for those individuals who feel more comfortable with masks. While individuals who are wearing masks are not required to sit in the "mask section," individuals who are not masked should not sit in this area.
- Food and drink will once again be allowed in the building to include Coffee and Fellowship following Sunday service.
 - As we move into the warmer months, we encourage people to keep food and drink outside, when possible, to lessen risk and to allow inclusion for those who may not be comfortable removing their masks in the building.
- All individuals entering the building will be required to provide needed information to allow for contact tracing purposes.
 - Although people will no longer be required to pre-register attendance, it is important that we maintain a method for tracking who is in the building.

We appreciate the congregation's continuing commitment to the health and safety of the community.

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