

SAFER CONGREGATION MINISTRY TEAM

Vision:

Facilitates the safety of our congregation by preventing and addressing issues pertaining to the safety of our people (staff, volunteers, leaders, congregants, guests, children, youth, vulnerable adults, etc.), places (buildings and grounds), and things (finances, data, property, etc.).

Action:

- Create a Culture of Safety
- Advise Governing Board of safety and security issues and recommend solutions
- Provide building and grounds security
- Minimize hazards in the building
- Prepare for natural disasters
- Prevent violence
- Develop emergency procedures
- Develop Safety Manual

To: UUCP Governing Board

From: Safer Congregation Team

Date: May 12, 2021

Subject: Recongregation Plan Update Recommendations

Consistent with recent CDC COVID-19 recommendations, the Safer Congregation Team submits the following upgrade changes to the Outdoor and Indoor Gathering Guidelines to the Governing Board for adoption.

Outdoor Gatherings

Per CDC guidance, fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear face masks in outdoor settings unless the setting is “crowded.”

- UUCP will maintain outdoor seating separations for outdoor gatherings to keep them “uncrowded,” therefore face masks will not be required for those who are fully vaccinated. They are optional depending on individual comfort level.
- Mask wearing is recommended for unvaccinated attendees.
- Fully vaccinated choir members may sing without face masks but should remain safely distanced from unvaccinated (masked) members of the congregation.
- Unvaccinated choir members must wear face masks to sing.
- Food and beverage service, including coffee, may resume.

Indoor Gatherings

- Choir may practice in the sanctuary without wearing masks if fully vaccinated. No need to social distance if everyone is vaccinated. Unvaccinated members must wear face masks.

COVID-19 SCREEN

High Risk Exposure History

- Within the past 14 days, have you or anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19?
- Are you awaiting the result of a COVID-19 test due to symptoms or known exposure from an infected person?
- Within the past 14 days, have you been within 6 feet of a lab-confirmed COVID-19 infected person for at least 15 minutes without the appropriate PPE (e.g., masks, gloves)?

High Risk Symptoms

Do you have, or have you developed any of the following new symptoms within the past 14 days that cannot be attributed to a chronic health condition?

- Fever (temp over 100.3 degrees F)
- Chills
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Congestion or runny nose
- Headache
- Loss of smell or taste, or a change in taste
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

A "yes" response to any of the above prevents entry into the church facility. Please seek medical guidance regarding COVID-19 testing if not already done.

Small Group Activities Guidelines for Preliminary Phase of Recongregation

Attendance Restrictions:

- Match the size of the group to the space available allowing 6 FEET APART
- *Everyone gets screened* (see next page)
- Activity leaders must take charge of all COVID precautions from screening to cleaning

Facilities Use

- Proper ventilation – turn on the A/C (just make sure to turn it off before you leave)
- Close the doors to unused rooms.
- Stay in the area designated for your activity (and restrooms).

Prevent the spread!

- 6 feet of distance between each person
- Masks – Indoors always, outdoors when less than 6 feet apart
- Wash and/or sanitize your hands

Cleaning up

- Clean restrooms and any surfaces used during the activity.
- Cleaning supplies and disposable gloves are in the utility closet
- Dispose of all your trash and take it out to the outside garbage can.

How to go to the bathroom

- Masks always
- One at a time (unless you're in the same household)
- Wait your turn out in the hall, 6 feet apart
- Wait a few minutes to go in after the previous person leaves
- Close the toilet lid before flushing
- Wash and dry your hands before leaving the restroom
- Concentrate on the task at hand – get in and get out.

How to Schedule your Activity

- Make a request to the Safer Congregation Team leader or designee
- If you need an exception to these guidelines, get them approved in advance
- Make sure you're on the church calendar
- There will be a 3-day (72-hour) spacing between activities in the church to reduce surface contact transmission.