

UUUF Re-Opening Plan

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It's been reported that the Delta variant, appears to be about 225% more transmissible than the original SARS-CoV-2 strains. In addition, people who are infected with delta have – on average – about 1,000 times more copies of the virus in the respiratory tracts than those infected with the original stain, and are infectious earlier in the course of their illness.

Because of this reported information the RTF recommends all vaccinated and unvaccinated members and guests be required to wear a face mask before, during and after service while indoors.

UUUF QUICK GUIDANCE FOR RESUMPTION OF SUNDAY SERVICES

Our Unitarian Universalist values of safety and inclusion call on us all to minimize risk. The welfare of our congregation and guests is our No. 1 concern. The Covid-19 pandemic is not over.

- **Face Masks are now required during indoor, in-person Sunday Service.** This revision applies to all members, guests and Religious Education (RE), as well as those using the wiggle room and adults that meet in our RE building on Sunday mornings. See RE guidelines and protocols.
- Face Mask will not be required in outdoor settings.
- Please monitor your symptoms. If you, or one of your family members, feel unwell, please stay at home.
- Leave an empty seat of either side of yourself in the sanctuary. Social distancing is 3 feet apart. Family/household units may sit together.
- While we appreciate the importance of hugs, please consider how much physical contact you want to give and accept during this transitional period. Feel free to opt out.
- We will continue to offer and even expand opportunities for people to join us remotely. Please make the best decision for yourself and your family on how best to engage with UUUF.

Reopening Recommendation Summary for the Sanctuary
Safety Protocols and Guidelines for Sunday Service

Entering and Exiting
Single Point of Entry

The exterior entrance facing north towards McCulloch Rd will be the only entrance and exit on Sundays, apart from Religious Education (RE) and Inquiring Minds.

Quick Departure

Upon conclusion of service, refrain from congregating in groups in the sanctuary, hallways, and kitchen. Please gather in our lovely outside spaces: The Memorial Garden or under the large oak trees.

Screening

Upon entering the Sanctuary building, all persons will be greeted as follows:

- Sign the new *Meeting / Service Attendance Form*: This information will be used only if notification is necessary should an attendee of the service / meeting tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days.
- Liability Forms: Confirm members have a liability form file or sign the new (revised) liability form. *Scenario to consider: What steps to take for members/guest who chose not to sign?*
- ***Face Masks are required during indoor, in-person Sunday Service.*** This revision applies to all members, guests and Religious Education (RE), as well as those using the wiggle room and adults that meet in our RE building on Sunday mornings. See RE guidelines and protocols
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and distributed throughout the buildings.
- Face Masks will be provided if requested.

Seating and social distancing

- We will maintain a 3-foot distance between individuals seated for service, except for family/household groups.
- We estimate 50-65 in the sanctuary with that distancing. We will set up

chairs to promote adequate distancing. If a couple or family wishes to sit together, they are welcome to move chairs to accommodate as long as they don't impinge on the 3-foot distance from other individuals.

- Greeters will coordinate any overflow and escort guest / members to the library for the streaming service.

Service

- We will collect offerings in the basket placed up front at the end of the service at the front altar.
- Paper documents such as worship guides and printed announcements will not be distributed. Text will be projected on screen when necessary.
- Singing continues to be a risk in these days of Covid-19 and its variants. Congregational singing will not resume until the RTF re-evaluates the Covid-19 situation in mid-August.
- Hymnals will not be distributed. We will display song lyrics and words on the screen.
- Congregants who participate online may use the two email addresses established and printed in *Notable News* to share *Joys and Concerns*. The J&Cs received by email will be read out by the service leader.
- Physical contact: Please decide ahead of time how much hand shaking, hugging and/or kissing you feel you can tolerate given your own personal circumstances and opt out if you are uncomfortable

Hospitality

- Upon re-opening, we will have coffee and beverage service, with only pre-packaged food options. Marilyn Lundin and Joie Kohl will be the only kitchen staff for the first two months.
- We recommend no more than two volunteers in the kitchen area at one time.
- We will keep sliding doors to Memorial Garden open to encourage participants to gather outside for coffee and conversation.
- No potlucks will be planned until further notice.

- Only the kitchen staff will be responsible for cleaning of surfaces and washing cups and carafes during and after service.
 - Each individual is responsible for returning their used cup outside the kitchen after use.
- We will use china cups as they can be placed in the dishwasher for cleaning

Bathrooms

- Spray disinfectant will be provided in each of the bathrooms and used as needed.
- Bathrooms will be well supplied with soap for hand washing, as well as with spray and cleaning supplies.
- Frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is especially important before and after preparing food, touching face, and using the restroom.

General Cleaning

- Recommend asking cleaning crew come in on Saturday nights to clean between the Church of God service on Saturday and the UUUF service on Sunday.

Reopening Recommendation Summary **for Religious Education**
Safety Protocols and Guidelines for Religious Education

Safety Protocols & guidelines

NOTE: For RE “kids” and “children” refers to infants through 12 years.

FOR SUMMER for July and into mid-August, we will refrain from mixing children and adults in the sanctuary. In the fall, assuming all is still improving, when we fully return for Water Communion, we can invite kids back into the sanctuary.

Staffing: At that time, RE should plan on having staff in the back for those whose parents are still not comfortable with intermingling. Hopefully younger children will be eligible to be vaccinated then.

Entering and Exiting

Single Point of Entry

The exterior entrance of the RE building facing the sanctuary will be the only entrance and exit on Sundays, apart from other scheduled RE Events.

Doors in the RE building will be open whenever possible to keep air flowing.

Quick Departure

Upon conclusion of RE class, staff will guide the children to our lovely outside spaces: playground or under the large oak trees. RE students will be supervised by staff during outside activities until the end of Sunday service.

Screening

- Upon entering the Religious Education Building, all persons will be greeted with the following:
- Sign the new *Meeting / Service Attendance Form*: This information will be used only if notification is necessary should an attendee of the classroom or meeting room tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days.
- Liability Forms: Confirm signed liability form file or sign the new revised *liability form*.

Face Mask requirements for All Adults, Parents and Children / Students

- Indoors face masks are required.
- **Outdoors:** Outside mask wearing is optional by families. Staff and volunteers working with kids under 12 are asked to keep masks on unless eating or drinking and then to respect social distance as is reasonable.
- Staff and volunteers will be required to wear a face mask as a precaution for all, until the youngest can get vaccinated.
- Face masks will be provided to RE students if needed.

Face Mask Requirements for all Adults in the RE Building, including Parents

- Face Masks: Are mandatory to be worn by all persons, adults and children, in the RE Building.
- Hand Sanitizer and Face Masks will be provided

Class-Time

Social Distancing

- RE Staff will attempt to maintain 3 feet distance between RE students, unless they are children from the same family group.
- No holding hands to close the circle until further notice.
- Physical contact: Shaking hands, hugging and/or kissing is not encouraged at this time.

Wiggle Room

- Wiggle Room is reserved for parent with children that are under 2 year old.
- Hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray and paper towels will be provided.
- Community toys will not be provided by UUUF in the Wiggle Room at this time.

Bathrooms

- Spray disinfectant will be stored in the bathrooms and used as needed.
- We encourage RE students to clean up after themselves as age appropriate.
- Bathroom will have plenty of hand washing soap and paper towels on hand.
- Hand Washing should be encouraged before and after class.

Refreshments

- We recommend that our RE students not use the community water fountain in the RE building until further notice.
- We recommend beverage service only in the RE building
- If food is supplied, please use prepackaged food options until further notice.
- There will be no potlucks planned until further notice.

General Cleaning

- We recommend that RE Staff clean periodically during Sunday RE Classes to ensure a safe and clean learning environment.
- We recommend that we have a professional cleaning crew come after Sunday RE Classes to ensure space is clean for the following Sunday.

RE Survey and Discussion

- Over the summer let's discuss whether it is feasible and how we might offer mixed media online and in-person content that would be worthwhile to the families.
- In August, we will re-evaluate masks and indoor vs outdoor activities based on how the wider community/world is proceeding.