

Way Forward Team Guidance for continued re-opening

Phase 3 - November 1st, 2021

As of November 1st 2021 we will be entering Phase 3 of our reopening plan.

We are excited to finally be welcoming members of our congregation back into our sanctuary for our Sunday morning worship services with the following guidelines:

- A maximum of 40 participants, not including those people who are a part of the service, will be welcomed into our sanctuary each Sunday morning starting in November, 2021.
- All participants must register in advance through our registration forms in Breeze and check in at either the Narthex or Garden entrance when they arrive.
- Physical distancing will be required in the sanctuary during all services, with designated spaces clearly marked.
- Everyone must be masked at all times while in the building, save for anyone who is actively speaking at the podium. Masks will be available as needed.
- A social hour will follow each service but no food or drink will be served and we ask that people not bring their own to limit the amount of time people are not in masks.

We will continue to allow limited building use outside of Sunday worship by the following FUSIT Groups:

- FUSIT Board and EXCO
- Small Group Ministry
- Staff
- Team and Committee Meetings
- Other small adult FUSIT groups such as Women's Group, Men's Group, Book Club etc.
- Small group activities including youth ages 12 and up
- Individuals or small groups who wish to utilize our physical resources, such as the library or organ

Approved spaces include: the Sanctuary, the Annex, the Parlor, the Arch Room (Mark Pedersen Room), the Library, and the Conference Room (122 Ellen Watkins Harper Room).

- Library and Conference room 10 people maximum
- Parlor, Annex, and Arch Room 25 people maximum
- Sanctuary: Maximum of 60 people
- Everyone must use the sign in/out sheet placed at one of the five entrances to the building: Annex, Parlor, Front, Garden and Parish House. This must be done each and every time, even if it is a brief visit.

In addition we will be welcoming limited rentals of our spaces beginning in November under the following guidelines:

- A maximum of one event rental per week.
- Recovery group meetings may resume.
- All renters must continue to practice COVID safety precautions including masking, social distancing, and contact tracing, as well as any other requirements stipulated by their specific rental agreement.

All individuals, even those who are fully vaccinated, must wear a mask and practice social distancing guidelines while inside the building.

If the answer to any of the below three questions is yes we ask that you please refrain from using the building for any reason.

1. Have you had any COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days, including fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell? EXCEPTION: If you had a negative COVID test while experiencing these symptoms or after these symptoms subside, you may use the building, following FUSIT's masking guidelines as usual.
2. Have you had a positive COVID-19 diagnostic test in the past 14 days?
3. Have you had close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days? EXCEPTION: Fully vaccinated people may get tested 3 - 5 days after exposure and quarantine until they receive a negative test result, then may use the building following FUSIT's masking guidelines.

Please follow current CDC guidelines for domestic and international travel.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html>

All room requests must be made at least one week in advance.

All use must be reserved through the office, not Breeze. Please email Michelle at office@uuithaca.org.

Food may be brought into and consumed in the building with the following guidelines:

1. Only consume food you personally brought for yourself and place your mask back on as soon as you have finished eating
2. Plan on removing all garbage/leftovers, please do not leave anything in the building
3. No shared food or potlucks at this time
4. Food may not be brought in for Sunday services.
5. All surfaces must be wiped down before and after eating

All groups must clean up after themselves.

There must be a minimum of one hour between the end of one gathering and the beginning of the next in each space.

All other groups may meet indoors at any location of their choosing, complying with all of the guidelines by NYS for unvaccinated people.

Outdoor gatherings

For outdoor gatherings social distancing is highly recommended, in the case that social distancing cannot be maintained, masks are recommended, even for vaccinated individuals.

Any gathering that includes children under 12 will require masks for all attendees.