

## Way Forward Team Guidance for continued re-opening Phase 3 - December 18th, 2021

**As of December 18th, 2021 we will be making several small adjustments to Phase 3 of our reopening plan, effective immediately.**

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

- A maximum of 30 individuals or groups of people (family groups, pods etc.) or combination thereof, up to five total within each group, who are comfortable being within six feet of one another, not including those people who are a part of the service, will be welcomed into our sanctuary each Sunday morning starting in December, 2021.
- One participant must register in advance for all members of their group through our registration forms in Breeze and check in at either the Narthex or Garden entrance when they arrive.
- **Everyone attending services will be required to have their temperature checked at the door. A temperature of 100.4 or higher will mean that individual will not be allowed to attend services or any activities inside the building that day.**
- Physical distancing between groups 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.
- **Every person who will be leading Sunday worship service, i.e the RE leader, Celebrations Associate, all musicians, guest speakers etc., will need to provide a negative COVID rapid test the morning of the service.**
- 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 are opening up our building use outside of Sunday worship to all FUSIT groups including, but not limited to, the following:

- FUSIT Board
- Staff
- Small Group Ministry
- Team and Committee Meetings
- Other small FUSIT groups such as Women's Group, Men's Group, Book Club etc.
- Individuals or small groups who wish to utilize our physical resources, such as the library or organ
- Listening Circles
- Other official FUSIT gatherings
- Memorial Services, Wedding, and other celebrations.

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: Maximum of 10 people
- Parlor, and Annex: Maximum of 40 people
- Arch Room: Maximum of 15 people
- Sanctuary: Maximum of 100 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 expanding rentals of our spaces beginning on December 1st, 2021 under the following guidelines:

- Rentals to outside groups may resume following FUSIT safety guidelines on December 1st as long as a Sexton is active and employed by FUSIT. If a Sexton is not active by December 1st rentals may resume as soon as this requirement has been fulfilled.

- 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 groups must adhere to the number of participants per each space listed above.
- No food or drink may be served at any events inside the FUSIT building.

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, **or if you have a temperature of 100.4 degree or higher upon arrival**, 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@uuihaca.org](mailto:office@uuihaca.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. Food or drink may not be served at any event whether it is a FUSIT event or a rental event.
6. 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.

#### **Closing Policy**

**FUSIT will be carefully following the guidance of local and state health officials, as well as monitoring other local agencies, such as schools, when deciding when and if to return to virtual-only gatherings.**

**In addition, should there be evidence that spread of the COVID19 virus has happened in our spaces, at an official FUSIT event, we will temporarily move to virtual until we are assured that all transmission has been detected and contained.**