

Way Forward Team Guidance for continued re-opening Phase 3 - May 1, 2022

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:

- **There will be no limitations for numbers of participants in the sanctuary each Sunday beyond the number of people who can fit in the designated seats. One section of the sanctuary will remain designated for physical distancing and will be clearly marked.**
- Pre-registration for Sunday services will not be required but all people attending must sign in and out at one of the entrances when entering and leaving the building.
- Everyone must be masked at all times for all FUSIT events, meetings and programming while in the building, save for anyone who is actively speaking at the podium **and during the post-service Coffee Hour as outlined below.** As per CDC guidance, it is strongly recommended that you wear the most protective mask you can that fits well and that you will wear consistently, such as an N95, N94, or similar style. 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 Coffee Hour will follow each service during which time participants will remain masked for the first ten minutes, until coffee is served, at which point those who feel comfortable doing so may remove their masks for the duration of that designated time.**
- We request that anyone who develops symptoms of COVID within 48 hours of attending any in-person programming at FUSIT, please get tested as soon as possible and if positive, and contact the office so that other individuals who were present can be informed of possible exposure.
Or, if you test positive within 48 hours without symptoms, also please contact the office.
- Adult Choir rehearsals and performances at worship services can resume with mask use.

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 and follow these [CDC guidelines](#).

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?
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?

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.

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.

Rentals

Space rentals are available with the following guidelines:

- All renters must continue to practice COVID safety precautions including following all county guidelines.

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.