

Way Forward Team Guidance for Continued Re-Opening

September 1, 2022

We are excited to welcome members of our congregation back into our sanctuary for Worship Services as well as our many other programs for this church year.

- Following the current guidelines set forth by the CDC and local health department masking will be optional, but is still highly encouraged, for all FUSIT events with the following exceptions:
- All attendees of Sunday morning worship services will be required to wear a mask and a section will be reserved for continued physical distancing. Speakers will continue to take a rapid test before services.
- Masks will be required at all Choir rehearsals and performances or any time that extended group singing occurs.
- As a covenantal community we encourage all groups to have open and compassionate discussions about the needs of all participants in regards to mask use.
- 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.

*If at any point the Tompkins County Health Department moves to a mask requirement or mandate, or local infection levels warrant it, all FUSIT events will return to mandatory masking.

If the answer to any of the below three questions is yes, follow these [CDC guidelines](#) and do not use the building for any reason until your required isolation and masking periods are over.

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@uithaca.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.

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.