



COVID-19 RE-OPENING PLAN

Our path to returning in person to our sanctuary and other spaces requires a plan and a roadmap. We also recognize, as with any journey, we must be flexible and willing to modify our decisions and route when circumstances change. Our plan will always remain flexible and responsive to public health information and will be guided by our shared values.

Scope and Purpose of Task Force;

On June 14, 2020, The Board voted to convene a Task Team to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic threat. The Task Team is charged with gathering information and making recommendations to the Board regarding operating procedures, employee safety, closures, cancellations, postponements, and any other pandemic related response. The Board President and the Minister will work together to make time-critical decisions. The Board President, the Minister and the Task Team will share responsibility for ensuring timely and consistent communication with the Fellowship.

The Values Guiding the UUCM Plan for Re-opening;

The inherent worth and dignity of every person & respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part - We at UUCM value being in community together. Yet, in this challenging time, we also realize that keeping ourselves and our neighbors healthy constitutes service to ourselves and the community beyond our doors. Additionally, we are mindful of the disproportionate impact that COVID-19 has on black and brown people, the elderly, those with underlying health conditions, people with disabilities and other marginalized communities.

We are committed to proceed cautiously even while we seek to support our staff and lay leaders in creating and sustaining continuing and expanding opportunities to worship, learn and fellowship together. We continue to welcome you no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey and we will welcome you literally *wherever* you are!

Finally, recognizing that the living tradition we share draws from many sources, we too will do likewise, honoring;

- The **direct experience** of those working on the front lines;
- The **words and deeds of prophetic women and men** in our own denomination and others who are looking at these same issues and finding faithful ways forward;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspire us in our ethical and spiritual life;**

-Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to...love our neighbors as ourselves;

-Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science.

We will regularly share information and updates to our members and friends and we place our trust in you to make the best decisions for you and your family as we move forward together.

UUCM Re-Opening Team

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STEPS FOR RE-OPENING UUCM

<i>Step One</i>	<i>Step two</i>	<i>Step Three</i>	<i>Step Four</i>
Stay at Home	Cautious	Vigilant	New Normal

STEP ONE: Stay at Home

- Building closed to all.
- Worship streamed at 10:30am only.
- Virtual classes for children, youth and adults.
- Fellowship virtual only.
- Committee and Team business virtual only.

STEP TWO: Cautious

- Virtual classes for children, youth and adults.
- Fellowship virtual only.
- Committee and Team business virtual only.

-Building access;

-Granted to staff and Friday Guys as needed. Social distancing and use of face masks required. Use of restrooms restricted to downstairs only.

-Shelley Garden Use;

-Permitted for groups not exceeding 40 people;

-Masks and social distancing are EXPECTED and HIGHLY recommended, and enforcement of this recommendation will be up to the group seeking the rental.

-Anyone using the garden must bring their own chairs. No chairs may be removed from the church to be used outdoors.

-Renters/Users of the garden must take any and all garbage with them following the event.

-Renters/Users must agree to no singing.

-No common food service. BYO is allowed.

-It is highly recommended that groups using the garden have ample supplies of hand sanitizer available for program participants. Renters / Users are responsible for providing this.

- If Renters/Users of the Garden wish to have access to the bathroom facilities, they may use the downstairs bathroom only. We require that one of the Renters/Users clean the bathroom after the group is done. **You will need to contact the office to obtain the new Barnum door code.**

- PPE and cleaning supplies along with cleaning instructions will be made available by UUCM.

STEP THREE: Vigilant