

Unitarian Universalists of Mt. Airy Opening Guidelines

Vaccinations Required:

- Vaccinations will be required for all members and friends who enter the sanctuary and strongly encouraged for those who use other designated areas of the building and grounds. We will rely on an honor system for vaccination status.
- Folks need to RSVP to the church office (office@uurestoration.us) no later than Friday at 3:00pm if they are planning to attend the coming Sunday Service.
- Attendance will be taken for contact tracing purposes.
- Everyone who attends will be asked by ushers if they are vaccinated. If they are not vaccinated, they will be gently asked not to enter the Sanctuary and given instructions for other seating locations or accessing our worship services online.

Masks:

- Masks are required for everyone. They will be available at the entrances if needed.

Social Distancing:

- There will be areas blocked off in the pews to facilitate distance seating, as well as markings to encourage distancing.
- Higher risk vaccinated individuals will be seated in the sanctuary. Others will be directed to alternative locations, where distanced seating will be available.
- Transept seating will be available for vaccinated newcomers.

Caring for Each Other:

- All are asked to self-screen prior to coming to church events.
- We will **not** be conducting on-site screening or health checks.
- DO NOT come if you are not well.

- DO NOT come if one of the following symptoms of COVID-19 are present, especially if it is “new” or “unexpected”:

- Fever or feeling feverish
- Chills, sweating
- Fever equal to or higher than 100 degrees
- New cough
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose

- DO NOT come if:

- you are under evaluation for COVID-19 (for example, waiting for the results of a viral test to confirm infection).
 - you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and not yet cleared to discontinue isolation.
 - someone with whom you’ve been in close contact is experiencing symptoms, waiting for the results of a COVID test, or has tested positive, and has not completed their quarantine period.
- If anyone tests positive for COVID-19 after being within the building or on the grounds, they should immediately:
 - call the church office and advise of their status. We will adhere to HIPAA guidelines and not release anyone’s name.
 - Church personnel will inform fellow members or friends via email or phone of their possible exposure to COVID and will consider the entire group as being in “close contact” of the infected person
 - (typically this is defined as being within about 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time.)
 - Any person who tests positive should quarantine for 14 days.
 - Potentially exposed persons who have symptoms of COVID-19 should self-isolate, follow CDC recommended steps and participate in services from home.
- Fully vaccinated people who have come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 should be tested 3-5 days following the date of their exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. They should isolate if they test positive.

**Unitarian Universalists of Mt. Airy reserves the right
to amend these protocols at any time**