



UU Church of Bloomington

# Guidelines for In-person Sunday Services

July 22, 2021

Beginning Sept 5, 2021 we will welcome everyone back into the church building for Sunday services at 9:15am and 11:15am. Services will also continue to be available via livestream.

The NEST (Next Steps in Transition) Working Group has created the guidelines below for the safety of all attendees.

## **Before Sept 5:**

- The Sanctuary will be open during specific hours for two weeks before the first in-person worship service for members and friends to visit. We will ask members and friends to register for a time to visit.
- A new air purification system will be installed to further reduce the risk of infection.

## **Masks**

All attendees at in-person services must wear masks.

- Signs announcing the mask requirement will be posted at each entrance to the building.
- Masks will be available at each building entrance.
- Greeters will be responsible for reminding attendees of the mask requirement.

## **Seating**

- Seats for 120 attendees will be provided in the Sanctuary, set up in pods of 1, 2, and 3 seats.. Up to 40 seats will be available in Fellowship Hall for overflow.
- Greeters will be available to help attendees identify available seats.
- To manage traffic flow at the end of each service, greeters will dismiss attendees by row, starting at the back of the Sanctuary, at the end of the service.

## **Greeting Each Other**

- Ministers will greet attendees outside after the service, weather permitting.
- Reminders that others may not wish to be hugged, and alternatives to hugging, will be published in the Friday Update and Prologue, and announced at the beginning of each service.

### **Additional Safety Precautions**

- Offertory baskets will be placed at Sanctuary entrances and attendees will be asked to leave their offerings as they enter or leave the Sanctuary.
- Board members will light candles for joys and sorrows for attendees.
- Because singing increases the chances of transmitting the virus, we will not sing together as a congregation.
- The Sanctuary will be left empty for a minimum of 30 minutes between services.
- Coffee Hour will not be offered.
  - Attendees who wish to converse before or after the service may do so on the church grounds.
  - Two small tents will be available in the courtyard for shade and rain cover.
- Multi-stall restroom capacity will be limited to two people at a time.

If you have questions or concerns about these guidelines, please contact the NEST working group by emailing Jane McLeod at [jmcleod@indiana.edu](mailto:jmcleod@indiana.edu) or Abby Gitlitz at [agitlitz@hotmail.com](mailto:agitlitz@hotmail.com)