



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 or Abby Gitlitz at agitlitz@hotmail.com