

UUCC Reopening Plan
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Key Points:

- We will follow the CDC Color Code Guidelines released February 25, 2022 in the following manner:
 - If Kennebec county is “green,” we will institute three (3) foot spacing for physical distancing
 - If Kennebec county is “yellow,” we will institute six (6) foot spacing for physical distancing
 - If Kennebec county is “red,” we will not meet in person.
 - Universal masking
 - No distinction between vaccinated / unvaccinated attendees.
 - Physical distancing –based upon CDC Color Code Guidelines.
 - Capacity – dependent upon CDC Color Code Guidelines.
 - Use Fellowship Hall as overflow when Sanctuary seating filled.
1. This plan is designed to allow the reopening of UUCC indoor facilities in a manner consistent with current knowledge of COVID-19 risks to our community.
 - a. It is recognized that there continues to be significant COVID-19 community transmission within our county and State and it is likely endemic. In person gathering entails an ongoing risk of attendees spreading COVID-19 to one another.
 - b. This plan attempts to mitigate the risk of person to person transmission within the church building, but cannot eliminate all risk.
 - c. Each attendee needs to evaluate their personal level of COVID risk and their risk tolerance in deciding whether to attend in person gatherings.
 - d. We will follow the CDC Color Code Guidelines released February 25, 2022 in the following manner:
 - i. If Kennebec county is “green,” we will institute three (3) foot spacing for physical distancing
 - ii. If Kennebec county is “yellow,” we will institute six (6) foot spacing for physical distancing
 - iii. If Kennebec county is “red,” we will not meet in person.
 - 2. If you have any cold or flu-like symptoms, DO NOT attend in-person gatherings.**
 3. This plan supersedes all prior plans for use of indoor space of UUCC facilities related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 4. It is our expectation that these safety measures be incorporated into all UUCC gatherings, including those occurring off campus.
 5. We recommend that all attendees be fully vaccinated including all appropriate boosters.

6. We are eliminating the requirement of listing attendees for groups using UCC indoor facilities.
7. We are eliminating the prohibition against using the ceiling fans during indoor gatherings.
8. All meetings are to be scheduled through the church administrator.
9. High quality masks (per CDC Guidelines) covering both mouth and nose must be worn at all times and in all areas of the facility.
 - a. Are required for all attendees.
 - i. No distinction between vaccinated / unvaccinated individuals.
 - b. High quality masks include:
 - i. N-95
 - ii. KN-95
 - iii. Woven surgical masks
 - c. Cloth masks will require the attendee to double mask with a surgical mask over the cloth mask.
 - d. We will provide surgical masks at the entrances for those without appropriate masks.
10. Physical distancing will be dependent upon CDC Color Code Guidelines (see above).
 - a. Space chairs either 3 or 6 feet apart edge to edge.
 - i. Except for family units
 - b. Pews – mark either 3 or 6 foot distances with tape on back of pews.
 - c. Rows – either 3 or 6 feet between rows – back of row to back of row.
11. Open all available windows and doors for increased air exchange .
12. Capacity
 - a. These numbers are in addition to the worship team.
 - b. Will vary depending upon Color Code Guidelines .
 - i. Sanctuary
 1. About 55 people if Color Code “green”
 2. About 30 people if Color Code “yellow”
 - ii. Fellowship Hall
 1. About 35 people if Color Code “green”
 2. About 24 people if Color Code “yellow”
 3. Use as overflow when Sanctuary seating filled.
 4. Physical distancing – same as sanctuary
13. Offering – no change in usual procedure.
14. Use of handheld microphone
 - a. Speakers must remain masked while using microphone.
 - b. No need to sanitize between users.
 - c. Sanitize before and after services.
15. Hand sanitizing – sanitizer at entrances .
16. Kitchen
 - a. No food or beverages prepared, served or allowed.
 - i. Requires unmasking to consume
 - ii. Members of the worship team may use sealed cups with straws if they require fluids during the service.
17. Fellowship gathering after services outside only.
18. Nursery care
 - a. Require nursery care attendant vaccination.

- b. Cleaning / sanitizing equipment after use.
- c. Masks for toddlers over two (2) years old.

19. RE programs - Require volunteer vaccination.

20. Restrooms

- a. Gender neutral restroom
 - i. One person at a time
- b. Women's restroom
 - i. Limit 3 people at a time if Color Code "green"
 - 1. 2 in stalls and one at sink
 - ii. Limit 1 person at a time if Color Code "yellow"
- c. Maintain physical distance in lines to restrooms.

21. Singing during in person services

- a. Not now – documented very high risk of droplet & aerosol dispersal.
- b. Choir
 - i. Encourage choir to meet outdoors, physically distanced and record.

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- a. Strings – no issue
- b. Wind instruments – not now, documented very high risk of droplet & aerosol dispersal.