

UUCGV COVID-19 Policy January 30, 2023

- **Calendar:** Annual review by Board in Fall or as changes emerge in COVID-19
- **Teams:** Policy will affect the operation of all teams at UUCGV
- **Date Adopted:** September 9, 2022
- **Prior Versions:** July 12, 2020, April 8, 2021, September 9, 2021, January 13, 2022, June 3, 2022
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Purpose: To give the congregation clear guidance on our procedure for reopening the building in the face of COVID-19

Policy Statement: The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Grand Valley would like to make our space as accessible as possible to members, friends, and outside groups while also taking necessary precautions to decrease risk of spread of COVID-19 inside our building.

Procedures

- Gatherings are allowed at UUCGV as long as attendees agree not to come if they have had a known exposure to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days or if they have symptoms of possible COVID-19 including cough, sudden loss of taste or smell, new-onset shortness of breath, or fever.
- At this time there are no masking or spacing requirements for attendees, but attendees are encouraged to put as much space between individuals and families as possible. The Board may re-instate masking and spacing requirements if deemed advisable based on the severity and prevalence of COVID-19 cases in the larger community.
- Attendees are always welcome to wear masks. N-95 masks are considered the most effective at preventing spread of COVID, followed by KN-95 masks. Attendees are encouraged to reach out to Mesa County Public Health regarding programs in our community that give out free KN-95 masks
- There is some risk associated with indoor gatherings, especially when singing is involved. Each individual is urged to consider his/her own willingness to take that risk. Groups that are considered more at risk of severe illness from COVID-19 include: people 65 and older, people who have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, and pregnant women.
- It is strongly recommended that paid employees of UUCGV show proof of vaccination, unless they are medically exempt.