

## Unitarian Society of Germantown

### Use of Outdoor Space During the Pandemic – Update August 2021

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USG is revising the permitted use of its outdoor space in accordance with updated public health guidance and state and local mandates. The USG requirements will continue to be revised according to the best judgment of USG leaders as the public health situation evolves and governmental policies are updated. They are subject to change without notice. It must be recognized that even with precautions, it is possible that there may be exposure to COVID-19 at a USG outdoor meeting. *Participants acknowledge this risk when choosing to meet at USG.*

#### **General health requirement**

Whether or not you have been vaccinated, please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days, or have been experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 (including fever, cough, sore throat, trouble breathing, fatigue, new loss of taste or smell, muscle pain, chills, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea).

If you have not been fully vaccinated, please also stay home if you have been in contact with anyone in the last 14 days who has tested positive for COVID-19 or had symptoms of COVID-19, or have traveled outside the United States within the last 14 days.

#### **Application of UU principles and values**

We continue to be committed to including all who wish to participate in USG life. We must recognize that not everyone who attends USG or USG events will be vaccinated against COVID. There will be some who cannot get vaccinated (including children under 12 at this time), and others who choose not to do so. All are welcome.

In addition, some of us may have different levels of comfort in connection with COVID precautions. Those who choose to wear a mask or observe social distancing will be treated with acceptance and respect, whether or not masking or social distancing is required by this protocol.

*People will not be asked their vaccination status, and USG will not verify anyone's vaccination status. If it is not known that everyone in a group has been fully vaccinated, it will be assumed they are not.*

#### **Who can use USG outdoor space**

USG outdoor space is open for USG activities involving children and adults, subject to the following conditions.

#### **What is required for a USG gathering outdoors**

*NOTE: Child Spiritual Development (CSD) may have more restrictive requirements for CSD events outdoors.*

### **Masks**

In accordance with guidance from the City of Philadelphia, people who are not vaccinated or are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear masks indoors and outdoors when around others. Fully vaccinated people ages 12 and up will not be required to wear masks outdoors. However, masks are strongly encouraged in groups where it is not certain that everyone has been fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated means the participant is two weeks past the second Pfizer or Moderna shot, or two weeks past the single Johnson & Johnson shot. And remember, some of us may choose to wear masks even if we have been vaccinated. Masks are required for children aged 11 and younger.

### **Social distance**

Social distance of three feet from everyone other than members of the household is required.

### **Bathrooms and kitchen**

Bathrooms inside the building will be available if needed. No more than 3 people or one pod are permitted in the bathroom at one time.

The kitchen may not be used, except to get a drink of water if needed.

### **Singing outdoors**

Singing is the subject of a separate protocol. Please consult the protocol on singing.

### **Reservations**

Reservations are necessary for scheduled meetings or events. To reserve space, the leader should complete the application found on the USG website at <https://usguu.org/members-online/request-meeting-space/> or send an email to [communications@usguu.org](mailto:communications@usguu.org).

### **Leader requirements**

The group must designate a leader. The leader will be responsible for

- Scheduling the space (see below for how to schedule)
- Informing all attendees of all conditions and requirements in advance of the meeting
- Enforcing any mask and social distance requirements (leader or their delegate)

That's it!