

Guidelines for Outdoor Worship

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From the Moving Ahead Steering Committee

Background: USG has rented a tent for three months and plans to have the first in-person outdoor worship service this Sunday September 5, along with a Zoom option. Meanwhile, there have been recent changes in the local COVID risk level, resulting in updated CDC and UUA Guidelines. The MASC met with the COVID Task Force on August 30, and, with their guidance, arrived at the following initial requirements for outdoor in-person worship. We plan to reassess after about a month in light of our experience and then-current conditions and guidelines.

Guidelines for Outdoor Worship:

- The congregation will be masked. Masks must cover nose and mouth.
- Speakers will be masked, even when speaking. They will also have amplification. They will keep a distance of at least 8 feet from the congregation.
- We will permit unvaccinated speakers.
- Distance of 6 feet between units or pods
- No congregational singing
- No singers as part of worship during September. It is too difficult logistically and space-wise how to handle singers. This is a temporary measure.
- Contact information will be obtained by strongly encouraging attendees to provide their names and contact information on a form to be provided, and to agree to notify USG if they test positive for COVID within the two weeks following the service they attend.
- There will be oral and written announcements that people should not come to worship when they are unwell or have been exposed to COVID.
- Signs will be posted advising congregants that masks are required; to keep 6 feet of distance from anyone outside the household; to please provide contact information; and to please stay home if they are unwell or have been exposed to COVID.