Unitarian Society of Germantown
Indoor Meetings During the Pandemic

9/1/2021 Update

The USG protocol for indoor meetings has been updated in consideration of the status of the pandemic and new guidelines from the CDC and UUA. It will continue to be revised according to the best judgment of USG leaders as the COVID-19 public health situation evolves and governmental policies are updated. The requirements 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 USG. *Participants acknowledge this risk when choosing to meet at USG.*

This protocol does not address singing in the building. That will be the subject of a separate protocol.

Application of UU principles and values

We are committed to including all who wish to participate in USG life. And we are committed to doing that safely, to protect all of us. Evidence-based public health guidance, coupled with our UU values, form the basis upon which we make decisions about in-person gatherings. We recognize that there will be many different views in the congregation. We nonetheless commit to following USG pandemic safety protocols and treating each other with kindness and respect.

General health requirement

Please stay home if you are feeling unwell or have been exposed to somebody who has had a positive test for COVID or suspected COVID within the past two weeks. If you are fully vaccinated and had a negative COVID test 3 to 5 days after your exposure, you are clear to attend.

Requirements depend on risk level

The requirements for indoor meetings will depend on the current risk level for Philadelphia County as determined by Covid ActNow, which can be found at: https://covidactnow.org/us/pennsylvania-pa/county/philadelphia_county/?s=22401166.

The Covid ActNow risk levels are:

Green: Low
Yellow: Medium
Orange: High
Red: Very High
Purple: Severe

When the risk level is Purple (Severe), there will be no meetings in the building.

Masks

Masks are required indoors in all shared spaces and when walking through the building, with this exception.

- No masks are required if you are in a private space and nobody else is there, or the only people there are members of the same pod. This includes an office with the door open.

Capacity limits

Each space in USG has a capacity limit, based loosely on 3 or 6 feet of social distance between units or pods, with adjustments based on the configuration of the room. The capacity limits (maximum number of people allowed in each space) are as follows:

Space	Total sq feet	Capacity Limit Yellow and Orange Risk Level	Capacity Limit Red Risk Level
Sanctuary Chancel	3300 460	Combined limit 120	Combined limit 60
Bristol Room	230	Not in use at this time, except for bathrooms	Not in use at this time, except for bathrooms
Dining Room	1170	38	25
Assembly Room	1170	38	25
Meeting Room	370	12	8
Daskam Room	370	12	8
Sullivan (without dividers)	910	30	20
Sullivan Hallway	357	11	8
Kitchen	568	10	8

Bathrooms

No more than three people or one pod may be in the bathroom at one time.

Physical distancing

Yellow (medium or high risk level): Three feet of space is required between units or pods, regardless of whether people are vaccinated.

Red (very high risk level): Six feet of space is required between units or pods, regardless of whether people are vaccinated.

Hand hygiene

Hand sanitizer is available in locations throughout the building. Everyone is encouraged to use sanitizer or wash hands, as needed

Ventilation

Doors and windows will be opened at the beginning of the meeting and closed when you leave, weather permitting. Building and Grounds will be providing additional directions on maximizing ventilation while maintaining comfort in the building. These instructions must be followed.

Reservations

Reservations are necessary to meet in the building. To reserve space, the leader can complete the application found on the USG website or send an email to communications@usguu.org

Leader requirements

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

- Scheduling the space
- Informing all attendees of all conditions and requirements in advance of the meeting
- Enforcing mask and social distance requirements (leader or their delegate)

That's it.