

**Unitarian Society of Germantown  
Indoor Meetings During the Pandemic**

***11/19/2021 update***

The USG protocol for indoor meetings has been updated in consideration of the status of the pandemic and 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.

*We recommend that everyone who comes to the church be fully vaccinated, if eligible. Children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated may attend with parents or adult family members. We warmly invite you to join us on Zoom if you are not fully vaccinated. And please get vaccinated if you are eligible.*

**Application of UU principles and values**

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.

**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 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:

<b>Space</b>	<b>Total sq feet</b>	<b>Capacity Limit</b>
Sanctuary and Chancel	3300, + 460	75 combined limit
Bristol Room	230	Only bathrooms
Dining Room	1170	25
Assembly Room	1170	25
Meeting Room	370	8

Daskam Room	370	8
Sullivan (without dividers)	910	20
Sullivan Hallway	357	8
Kitchen	568	8

**Bathrooms**

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

**Physical distancing**

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**

Building and Grounds has provided directions on maximizing ventilation while maintaining comfort in the building. If there are directions for the space where you are meeting, they must be followed. Otherwise doors and windows should be opened at the beginning of the meeting and closed when you leave, weather permitting.

**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](mailto: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)

**Singing in the building**

Please see the protocol captioned USG Singing.

**Eating and drinking in the building**

- As required by Philadelphia regulations, eating and drinking will be permitted only if you are seated or standing at a table of no more than 4 people. Anyone who is not seated or standing at a table of no more than four people may not eat or drink. Masks must be replaced when not actively eating or drinking.
- Room capacity limits and social distance still apply. These currently provide for 6 feet of distance between individuals or pods.