

Unitarian Society of Germantown

USG Singing

11/19/2021 update

These rules are subject to modification, in the best judgment of USG's leaders, as the public health situation evolves and government guidance is updated.

It is recognized that even with precautions, there may be exposure to COVID when singing at USG. Additionally, no vaccine is 100 percent effective, and there remains a risk that fully vaccinated individuals will nonetheless contract COVID. Participation is an acknowledgement of this risk.

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.

Vaccination requirement

All singers at USG must be fully vaccinated and must have provided prior proof of vaccination.

Indoor singing

Singing indoors includes rehearsal or recording of singing for USG services, even if the rehearsal or recording does not take place at USG. Please note that USG may decline to use music recorded or prepared in violation of this policy.

- No congregational singing at this time. Humming is permitted.
- Singing is allowed as follows:
 - Singers must remain masked even when singing
 - Singers must be at least 6 feet apart and at least 12 feet from the congregation or others. This may limit the number of singers who can fit in the chancel during worship. A drawing (not to scale) with dimensions of the chancel space is on the next page.
 - Capacity limits for the space must be followed.

Outdoor singing

- No congregational singing at this time. Humming is permitted.
- Singing as a part of the presentation of the worship service is allowed as follows:
 - Unmasked – at least 10 feet apart from each other and anyone else
 - Masked – at least 6 feet apart from each other and 8 feet from anyone else

A hand-drawn floor plan of a church sanctuary. At the top is a semi-circular **APSE** with a width of $9' 11''$. Below the apse is a row of pews, with a bracket indicating a width of $3'$. The main body of the sanctuary is a rectangle. On the left side, there is a **CHANCEL** area. Pews are arranged in rows. Labels on the left side include **FIXED PEW** and **MOVABLE PEW PUSHED BACK**. Labels on the right side include **FIXED PEW** and **MOVABLE PEW PUSHED BACK**. Horizontal dimensions are marked with dashed lines: $16'$ for the distance from the apse to the first row of pews, $19.5'$ for the distance between the first and second rows, and $23' 6''$ for the distance between the second and third rows. At the bottom, there is a row of pews with a bracket indicating a width of $3' 6''$. The distance from the bottom edge of the drawing to this row is $14' 5\frac{1}{2}''$. The bottom row is labeled **FIRST PEW** on both sides.