

## UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF GERMANTOWN

### **Guidelines for Outdoor Worship**

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#### **How we have approached this**

Many of us are eager to resume in-person activities at USG as the pandemic waxes and wanes. The Moving Ahead Steering Committee (MASC) was appointed by the Board and the Ministry Executive Team to explore how to move towards multi-platform (in-person and Zoom) worship and activities. Another USG group, the COVID Task Force, is responsible for advising on COVID safety. Multiple members of the COVID Task Force are healthcare professionals. Everything done at USG must comply with the guidelines and recommendations of the CDC, the City of Philadelphia, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

With the approval of the COVID Task Force, and with input from the congregation, outdoor worship will be conducted as described below. USG will continue to offer a remote option for those who do not attend in person.

*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.*

#### **Guidelines for Outdoor Worship:**

- The congregation will be masked. Masks must cover nose and mouth.
- Speakers who are fully vaccinated may speak from the pulpit unmasked, but will replace their mask when not speaking. Proof of vaccination will be required. Speakers will have amplification. They will keep a distance of at least 8 feet from the congregation.
- Speakers may choose to speak masked regardless of whether they are fully vaccinated. They also must keep a distance of at least 8 feet from the congregation
- We ask that people keep 6 feet of distance between units or pods.
- We will not have congregational singing during worship at this time. Humming is permitted.
- Singers will be allowed as part of the presentation of the worship service subject to the following conditions:
  - All singers must be fully vaccinated, with proof of vaccination required
  - Singers may sing unmasked provided they remain 10 feet apart from each other and the congregation or anyone else
  - Singers may sing masked with 6 feet of distance between them and 8 feet between them and the congregation or anyone else.
- We ask attendees to sign in with contact information for purposes of contact tracing and tracking capacity limits, and to agree to notify USG if they test positive for COVID within the two weeks following the service they attend.
- We will be providing oral and written announcements advising congregants of the various safety measures discussed above.