

Unitarian Society of Germantown
USG Singing

3/22/2022 update

Current as of 4/23/2022

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.

The Board has adopted a USG Covenant for COVID Safety that applies to everyone who enters the building at USG. It provides:

USG Covenant for COVID Safety

USG welcomes you to participate in the life of our spiritual community. If you enter the building, you agree with loving kindness that:

- you and anyone with you who is age 5 or older are fully vaccinated. If you are eligible for a booster, you have had at least one booster
- you will wear a mask covering your nose and mouth in accordance with USG requirements
- you will follow all other COVID Safety Protocols and requirements, including social distancing, that USG may have in place at that time, and
- you are free of COVID symptoms or recent known exposure to COVID.

If you are not fully vaccinated, we warmly invite you to participate in Zoom services every Sunday and in other USG activities on Zoom. And please get vaccinated and boosted if you are eligible.

Indoor singing

Singing in the presentation of the worship service will be permitted with these limitations:

- Full vaccination and boosters are required, with prior proof by showing a vaccination card. Records of proof of vaccination will be kept by the Music Director.
- 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.
- Singers must be at least 3 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 if people are present during worship. A drawing (not to scale) with dimensions of the chancel space is at the end of this protocol.
- Singers may be unmasked when singing on the chancel, subject to the vaccination and distance requirements
- Singers may rehearse unmasked, subject to the vaccination and distance requirements
- Capacity limits for the space must be followed.

Congregational singing (masked and distanced as provided in the protocol for Indoor Worship) is permitted.

Outdoor singing

Outdoor singing is permitted with no restrictions at this time. However, please use your common sense, be considerate of those around you, and wear a mask or keep distance as you feel comfortable doing.

The CDC Guidelines for Small and Large Gatherings 1/27/2022 recommends as follows:

In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. In areas of [substantial or high transmission](#), people might choose to wear a mask outdoors when in sustained [close contact](#) with other people, particularly if

- They or someone they live with has a [weakened immune system](#) or is at [increased risk for severe disease](#).
- They are not [up to date](#) on COVID-19 vaccines or live with someone who is not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines.

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