

## Unitarian Society of Germantown

### COVID Safety Protocols Based on Community Risk Level

*Revised November 10, 2022*

USG is following a predetermined set of COVID safety steps that may vary as the COVID community risk level rises or falls. To determine risk level, we will rely on the CDC's Community Risk Level for Philadelphia County Pa, which is updated every Thursday by 8pm ([https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list\\_select\\_state=Pennsylvania&data-type=CommunityLevels&list\\_select\\_county=42101](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=Pennsylvania&data-type=CommunityLevels&list_select_county=42101)).

The COVID Task Force has decided that in view of the trajectory of COVID over the summer and the reduced risk of death COVID poses to vaccinated people, we will now wait until the risk level changes for two consecutive weeks before implementing any changes to USG protocols. When the risk level is high on two Fridays in a row, for example, the high-risk protocol will be implemented that very Sunday. These protocols will apply to USG events. *Rentals are subject to different requirements.*

USG's COVID safety requirements will continue to be revised according to the best judgment of USG leaders as the public health situation evolves and governmental policies are updated. The requirements are subject to change without notice. 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.

### COVID Safety at USG

USG asks all who wish to attend services and other activities in person to be immunized as per CDC recommendations. If you are not immunized or have impaired immunity, please participate online or wear a mask at all times when you are indoors. If you are feeling unwell, including new onset of cough, nasal or sinus symptoms, sore throat, or other COVID symptoms, please stay home and participate in online activities.

Effective Nov 13, 2022, masks are optional when Philadelphia is at the low or medium community risk level as designated by CDC. Masks are required indoors if you recently have been exposed to someone with COVID. Masks will be required for everyone if the community risk level for Philadelphia returns to high.

### COVID safety requirements by community risk level

Below is a summary chart of the current requirements at different community risk levels. *Please note the following:*

- **When changes will be implemented:** We will wait for two weeks of consistent change to the CDV Community Risk Level for Philadelphia. Previously it was one week.
- **Masks:** Optional anywhere in the building when Philadelphia is at the low or medium community risk level. There is an exception; masks are required if you have been exposed to someone with COVID or COVID symptoms. Masks are still required everywhere at the high-risk level.

- **Distance:** Distance requirements have been eliminated at all levels. We will still be respectful of individual preferences.
- **Capacity:** Capacity limits remain at high risk. There are no capacity limits at low or medium risk
- **Food and beverages:** There are no restrictions at low and medium risk levels. No food/beverages at high risk.

|         | Protocol  | Low Risk       | Medium Risk    | High Risk  | Comments  |
|---------|---|----------------|----------------|--|---|
| MASKS   | <b>Masks in the congregation during worship</b>                                       | Optional       | Optional       | Required   | It is okay to be masked and okay not to be masked. No judgments.<br><br><i>EXCEPTION:</i> Masks required at all levels if you have been exposed to someone with COVID or COVID symptoms |
|         | <b>Masks in the pulpit during worship</b>   | Optional       | Optional       | Not required when speaking or singing; wear at other times | Proof of vaccination required for singers and speakers  |
|         | <b>Masks at all other times, including meetings and walking about in the building</b> | Optional       | Optional       | Required   | <i>EXCEPTION:</i> Masks required at all levels if you have been exposed to someone with COVID or COVID symptoms   |
| SINGING | <b>Congregational singing in worship</b>  | Permitted      | Permitted      | Permitted with masks                                       |   |
|         | <b>Indoor singing other than in worship</b>   | Masks optional | Masks optional | Mask when not actually singing;                            | Proof of vaccination  |

|                    | Protocol                         | Low Risk                       | Medium Risk                    | High Risk   | Comments  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
|                    |                                  |                                |                                | 6 feet apart, 12 feet from non-singers  | required for singers  |
|                    | <b>Singing outdoors</b>          | No restriction                 | No restriction                 | No restriction  |   |
| DISTANCE           | <b>Anywhere</b>                  | No restriction                 | No restriction                 | No restriction  | Masks and capacity limits are considered to be sufficient protection at high risk level |
| CAPACITY LIMITS    | <b>Capacity in the sanctuary</b> | No capacity limits             | No capacity limits             | Capacity limits as previously determined for 3 feet distance                    | Capacity limit at high risk: 120 (including chancel)                                    |
|                    | <b>Capacity elsewhere</b>        | No capacity limits             | No capacity limits             | Capacity limits as previously determined for 3 feet distance. <b>See below.</b> | Capacity limits at high risk are in the table below.                                    |
| FOOD AND BEVERAGES |                                  | No restrictions                | No restrictions                | Eating and drinking suspended at high risk (except for water)                   | Special occasions during high risk to be addressed individually                         |
| VENTILATION        |                                  | Follow USG instructions        | Follow USG instructions        | Follow USG instructions   |   |
| VACCINATION        |                                  | Immunization as CDC recommends | Immunization as CDC recommends | Immunization as CDC recommends  | Vacc mandatory for staff, people in pulpit, people who work with USG children or youth  |

**Capacity limits for high community risk level  
(Premised on 3 feet of distance, as adjusted for the space)**

| <b>Space</b>                           | <b>Total sq feet</b> | <b>Capacity Limit</b>  |
|--|----------------------|--|
| Sanctuary and Chancel                  | 3300, +<br>460       | 120 combined limit   |
| Bristol Room                           | 230                  | Only bathrooms   |
| Dining Room                            | 1170                 | 38   |
| Assembly Room                          | 1170                 | 38   |
| Meeting Room                           | 370                  | 12   |
| Daskam Room                            | 370                  | 12   |
| Sullivan (without dividers)            | 910                  | 30   |
| Sullivan Hallway                       | 357                  | 11   |
| Kitchen                                | 568                  | 10   |
| Narthex (entry space behind sanctuary) | 400                  | 15 if people are staying. People are expected to pass through to get to the sanctuary. |

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