

# PUUC COVID PROTOCOLS

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*Periodically these protocols will be reviewed in the context of current rates of infection and needs for Covid precautions.*

Our Sunday worship service is the heart of our congregational life. To maximize safety in worship, the Governing Board continues to require masks in the sanctuary during worship. As a welcoming community, and understanding that some congregants' health conditions warrant caution, we wish to ensure that as many as possible are able to attend worship in person and feel safe doing so.

Coffee hour and other social events are not gatherings essential to our religious expression and so are "mask optional." (please see below)

## **PUUC WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY**

- ◆ Masks are required of all in attendance.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Worship leaders will wear or not wear masks when they are speaking according to their own personal preference.
  - (2) The choir director will not be required to wear a mask when directing the choir during singing.
  - (3) Congregants may lower their masks when speaking at the floor microphone during the joys and sorrows part of worship, provided the microphone is sanitized between speakers.
- ◆ Choir and small singing groups will remain masked while performing.
  - ◆ Musicians will wear masks unless it interferes with their performance.
  - ◆ Wind instruments will be covered with special masks.
  - ◆ Seating in the balcony is available for anyone who is uncomfortable with open seating in the sanctuary.

## **PUUC COFFEE HOUR IN THE PARISH HALL**

- ◆ Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after worship on Sundays. Masks will not be required. Those who are uncomfortable with drinking and socializing unmasked indoors are welcome to the hallways, downstairs dining room or (when weather allows) outdoors.

## **PUUC SMALL GROUP MEETINGS**

- ◆ Small groups meeting in PUUC buildings may unmask if it is unanimously agreed to by those attending the meeting.

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**PUUC PUBLIC EVENTS IN THE SANCTUARY**

- ◆ Masking protocol for each event will be determined by the host.

**ALL PUUC EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ◆ Use all air exchange and ventilation options available in the sanctuary and meeting spaces, i.e. air filters, fans, window(s) and door(s).
- ◆ We respect social distancing.
- ◆ We encourage vaccination against the Covid virus.

**RENTERS AND OUTSIDE GROUPS USING THE PUUC BUILDING**

- ◆ Covid protocols will be determined by each group using the PUUC buildings.