

UUCOM COVID 19 PHASES TO RE-OPEN

As of 04/20/2021

The re-opening phases are as follows:

PHASE 0 TOTAL SHUTDOWN

The State of Texas or the Federal Government orders a shutdown.

Shelter in place.

All employees work remotely.

All gatherings are on Zoom1 or Zoom2.

PHASE 1 MINIMAL INDOOR OPENING

The Church building remains closed to the general public and church members and friends.

Limited access/use. (including individuals: Church Staff, Board Chair, Treasurer, & Buildings & Grounds Chair, On the Couch Counseling Staff & Cleaning Service staff)

Use Building Use Log –keeping a record of the time each person is in the church for contact tracing purposes.

All those that enter the building have a mask on hand. Masks must be worn and social distancing put into effect when more than one person is in the building.

Clean surfaces of common areas after use with disinfectant- bathrooms, kitchen, church office areas such as the copier or phone. We recommend that disinfectant supplies be ordered by the office and there be a cleaning station in each bathroom and by the log book/front entry.

All gatherings are on Zoom1 or Zoom2. Outdoor spaces are not available.

PHASE 2 MINIMAL OUTDOOR SPACE OPENING

Phase 1 guidelines apply.

Outdoor space at the church may be used for small groups (10 or less) by church members and friends. (Preferably less than 5)

Each group must have a designated facilitator that requests usage of the space and keeps a log of those gathering for contact tracing purposes.

The facilitator may access the space by the east iron gates near Midkiff, the facilitator can let people in through the wooden gate on the west side near the parking lot.

Participants must bring their own masks & chairs. Masks are worn at all times and social distancing practiced.

The building will remain closed. If bathrooms are needed, the facilitator is to recommend the usage of a bathroom at a nearby business.

Clean surfaces of common areas after use with disinfectant- outdoor furniture. We recommend that disinfectant supplies be ordered by the office and there be a cleaning station in each bathroom and by the log book/front entry.

Available Space: Zoom1, Zoom2, Meditation Courtyard (memorial garden), Southside Courtyard.

PHASE 3 MAXIMUM OUTDOOR SPACE OPENING

Phase 1 & 2 guidelines apply.

We share the outdoor space with our tenants such as the Buddhist Group, Patty George's Yoga, & Tree of Life.

Clean surfaces of common areas after use with disinfectant- outdoor furniture. We recommend that disinfectant supplies be ordered by the office and there be a cleaning station in each bathroom and by the log book/front entry.

Available Space: Zoom1, Zoom2, Meditation Courtyard (memorial garden), Southside Courtyard.

PHASE 4 INDOOR OPENING with LIMITED ACCESS

Meeting inside the building once the wider community COVID positivity test rate is 5% or less for two weeks in a row (Jessica communicates to Board Chair the rate each week). All participants must maintain at least 6' physical distancing at all times and wear a mask (2 years and up), covering mouth and nose.

Written attendance is taken on the back of the checklist form, and temperatures recorded – must be less than 100 degrees F for entry (Greeters).

Enter and exit the building through the front doors only – one door for entrance and one door for exit.

Socializing areas will be in outdoor spaces (either under the front tree or in the south garden). Greeters will welcome people to enter through the front doors and be seated in the sanctuary.

Building spaces: sanctuary (30 max), fellowship hall (overflow only), bathrooms, and courtyards are open to all. Limited access: classrooms, kitchen, storage/closets, library, and offices

(individuals: those included in Phase 1, 2, and 3 apply) (signs posted: please close lid before flushing; designated individuals only; stop the spread information)

(Sanctuary: services will include a slide that outlines how to social distance inside; remove all hymnals from sanctuary; no congregational singing; speakers wear masks unless speaking, and shields if not masked while speaking, until plexiglass is installed at the pulpit; collection baskets by the doors for monetary and food donations; no collection during service)

Supplies to have on hand for services and available at all doors: hand sanitizer, masks.

Available Space: Zoom1, Zoom2, Meditation Courtyard (memorial garden), Southside Courtyard, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and bathrooms.

PHASE 5 INDOOR OPENING with FULL ACCESS

Meeting inside the building once the wider community covid test rate is under 3%. All participants no longer must maintain at least 6' physical distancing or wear a mask.

Written attendance is no longer necessary.

Enter and exit the building through any door.

All spaces are open.

Monthly reviews done by the Covid Care Team and Board.

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*modified 4/20/2021 by board and COVID team members.