

As we plan for the church year we are committed to creating ways to connect people back to the FUUSE community in person, and to whatever extent folks are comfortable and able to participate, please know that we are eager to welcome everyone back. Given that COVID is still very much a reality, we know that many variables are in play as families and individuals make decisions about what is safe and comfortable at any given time. With all of that in mind, we plan to re-establish in-person church life and will provide a variety of options for engagement.

Starting on Sunday, September 11th we will use the following protocol for gathering on Sundays:

- Masks will be required indoors
- We strongly encourage full vaccinations for those who are able. It is an expectation that if you are attending, and are able to be vaccinated, that you will be. If you are experiencing symptoms, please join virtually and come in person as soon as you are well
- Our starting place this fall is to work within a 60% capacity number; therefore space maximums for gathering are as follows to start the year (please see chart at end of document for calculations)
 - Sanctuary - 72 people
 - Parish Hall - 46 people
 - Community Room - 23 people
 - Classroom 1 - 12 people
 - Classroom 2/3 - 20 people
 - Classroom 4 - 5 people
- There will be 2-3 spaces open for Sunday worship (sanctuary, community room, parish hall) which will allow for all in-person participants to gather and participate in the service in ways that feel comfortable for them on any given Sunday
- In order to have a reliable and manageable virtual option for Sunday service, the virtual component will focus on connecting virtual attendees to the content of church service but may limit active online participation; we will continue to use Zoom
- For as long as the weather allows, we will hold coffee hour in the courtyard with masks optional; when weather does not allow us to be outside, we will hold coffee hour inside wearing masks and social distancing
- The congregation will be encouraged to sing with masks on during the services
- The Music Director will implement an approach to choir singing based on current best practices
- Speakers at the podium do not need to be masked
- Windows will be open during service and other gatherings as long as the weather allows
- When organizing smaller gatherings at church it is essential to discuss the approach with the individual members of that group
- Overall these protocols should be followed for other gatherings connected to FUUSE outside of Sunday services
- This is a full community approach - everything noted here applies to both adults and children
- We ask that every individual and household make the choices that feel most comfortable and safe for them on a regular basis
- The board will review our situation monthly at meetings and will consult with the COVID task force quarterly to determine if changes need to be made; we will use the CDC as our anchor for making decisions

Room	Size (sq ft)	Full Occupancy (people)	60% Occupancy (people)	Load Factor (ft2/person) (60% Occ)
Sanctuary	1797	120	72	25
Parish Hall	1159	76	46	25
Community Room	579	39	23	25
Classroom 1	298	20	12	25
Classroom 2 / 3	522	34	20	25
Classroom 4	261	8	5	50