

# WE ARE EACH OTHER'S KEEPERS

## Guidance for Activities at MVUUF in Response to COVID

### Effective September 2022

The Fellowship remains open and will continue to offer both in-person and online Sunday services. There are no restrictions on activities outside of the building, but for inside activities, precautions are based on the current CDC Community Risk Level for Hennepin County (Current Risk Level: Low).

CDC risk level by county:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/stats/index.html>

As we continue creating our new normal, we remember that:

- Masks protect others as well as ourselves.
- Some of us are not or cannot be vaccinated
- Some of us are immunocompromised, or live with or care for someone who is.
- People have different levels of comfort with physical distancing, masking.
- People with symptoms, positive test or and exposure to someone with covid should wear a mask, regardless of community risk level and should limit close contact with others.
- Please stay home if you are feeling ill or have a known exposure.
- 41% of other UU congregations are continuing to require masking this fall.

#### Precautions for Indoor Activities

##### **Low**

- Masking is optional with the following exceptions:
  - Masking is required for Sunday service and optional for other settings. This is due to the increased risk of group singing and our desire for services to be as accessible as possible. We will revisit this requirement in October provided risk level remains LOW.
  - Masking is voluntary for song leaders.
  - Masking is voluntary for worship leaders and people speaking from the front.
  - Masking is voluntary in most group meetings at the fellowship provided they are 25 individuals or less and meeting in one of the larger spaces. Different protocols may be applied to groups such as OWL with numbers close to the limit but meeting in more confined areas of the fellowship and involving mixed groups that may have higher risk of transmission.
  - Anyone wishing to continue wearing a mask in any setting is encourage and supported in doing so.

### **Medium**

- Universal masking for ages 2+ with the following exceptions:
  - Masking is voluntary for speakers while at the microphone
  - Masking is voluntary for song leaders, while distanced from the congregation (10 feet).
  - Temporary unmasking while actively drinking or eating.
- Food/beverage are allowed only in the Fellowship Hall, Social Hall and the kitchen.

### **High**

- Universal masking for ages 2+ with the following exception:
  - Masking is voluntary for speakers while at the microphone.
  - Singing only by the choir and performers
  - No food or drink inside.

### Other Mitigation Strategies:

- Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizers
- All rooms are equipped with medical grade HEPA Purifiers
- Stay home for 5 days from symptom onset. Siblings, family members and close contacts are not required to quarantine.
- Persons returning after five days must mask for an additional 5 days.
- Testing is recommended for anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, and after known exposure.
- Immunization is the single most effective strategy to prevent COVID-19. Get a vaccine and stay up-to-date on recommended boosters, if eligible. [blm.mn/clinics](https://blm.mn/clinics) or [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov)
- All MVUUF volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated (including boosters for persons eligible).

### We are a Community:

If you have COVID-19, reach out to MVUUF Staff or Pastoral Care Team or Congregation Care Resource Committee: conversations, dog walking, meal delivery, deliveries, etc.

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