

Summer 2021 COVID Protocols and Procedures

The UCCLM COVID Response Team thoughtfully and prayerfully considered measures which are compliant with public health guidelines and keep our church family safe. It is encouraging to learn of the growing number of fully-vaccinated UCCLM attendees and we look forward to a point when restrictions can be further relaxed. With this in mind, the COVID Team developed the Protocols and Procedures identified below. **Sunday morning worship protocols will not change during the Summer.** The COVID Response Team continues to monitor changes to county and state directives, and will make adjustments to the other protocols as needed:

- Sunday Morning Worship will continue to be virtual through the Summer months while the technology in the sanctuary is updated/installed to accommodate blended (in-person and live-streamed) services in the future.
- Outdoor spiritual and/or social events may be held and UCCLM small groups may meet outdoors or indoors providing these protocols are met:
 - Masks are to be worn other than when eating or drinking out of concern for those in the congregation/community who are unable to be vaccinated at this time, even if not required at the county and state level.
 - Social Distancing (6 ft) is to be maintained between households. In the case of indoor meetings/events, this distancing requirement may result in an event capacity smaller than the general capacity guideline. The general capacity is 12 people in classrooms, 30 in the sanctuary and 40 in Friendship Hall.
 - No food is to be shared between households, with the exception of individually pre-packaged food items purchased from stores. Individual households may bring their own food and beverage for their personal use. Church dinnerware/utensils are not to be used. Food truck events are allowed, providing the food truck follows all current public health COVID protocols concerning preparation and serving. Multiple households purchasing from the same food truck is not the same as sharing food between households.
 - The coordinator of each event shall maintain contact information for attendees in the event contact tracing is needed.
 - Event/meeting coordinators should remind attendees to stay home if they are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms or have been exposed. Temperature taking is no longer required. Hand washing and sanitizer protocols are still to be followed.
- No outside groups may meet at UCCLM at this time, unless it is a group sponsored by a UCCLM member/staff/participant. The person sponsoring the event shall be present during the event and assumes responsibility for compliance with the protocols described above. For purposes of these protocols, the AA groups which utilize UCCLM space are not considered outside groups.