

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks

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Phase 3, Covid-19 Building and Grounds Use	Adopted: April 25, 2022
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Policy V. Phase 3, Covid-19 Building and Grounds Use

This Policy replaces the Phase 1 Policy which permitted very limited access to the building and grounds by small groups (passed April 28, 2021) and the Phase 2 policy which extended use of the outdoor spaces for worship services (passed May 2021).

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UUFF Building re-opening in Covid Pandemic Phase 3 of Covid-19 Building and Grounds Use

Background: We are 2+ years into the Covid-19 pandemic and know much more about its transmissibility, prevention, and treatment than we did when the pandemic began in early 2020. A slight majority of all Alaskans are vaccinated, and likely the percentage of UUFF members and friends who are vaccinated is higher than that of Alaskans in general. However, the vaccines are not perfect and breakthrough cases routinely occur, though they are far less serious than in the unvaccinated population. Further, children under 5 cannot be vaccinated, and some individuals choose for various reason to remain unvaccinated. Therefore, to be responsible members of the community we need to take precautions when gathering for events, and we will need to provide access to shared events for those who are not yet comfortable meeting in large groups.

Building and grounds use:

1. The building and grounds are open for use by UUFF members and friends, by UUFF affiliated groups, and by rental agreement to groups who agree to abide by our safety guidelines.
2. Both the outdoor spaces and the indoor spaces, including the kitchen, may be used.
3. Food and drink may be consumed both inside and outside the building.

Covid safety guidelines:

1. Masks are to be worn by all individuals over the age of 3, regardless of vaccination status, while inside the building.
2. Masks need not be worn in outdoor spaces.

3. Masks must be worn by individuals during singing. An exception will be made for song leaders. They will be allowed to remove masks during singing of hymns but must replace masks when songs end. Song leaders will distance themselves from the congregation by standing up front on the risers.
4. Consumption of food and drink is permitted in the building, but masks should be removed only when actively eating and drinking. Masks should be replaced as soon as food and drink is consumed.
5. General hygiene practices of safe handwashing and sanitizing should be practiced by all.
6. To the greatest extent possible, doors should be left open for good ventilation during gatherings, particularly during larger gatherings.
7. Anyone who feels ill or is displaying symptoms consistent with Covid-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of the senses of smell or taste, diarrhea or nausea) should not attend any in-person events.
8. Please follow CDC guidelines if you have been exposed to Covid-19. If you are up to date on your vaccines, have no symptoms, and have a negative test, you do not need to isolate. If you have never had a vaccine, you should quarantine for 5 days and have a negative Covid test on day 5 before attending any events at UUFF.
(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.htm>)
9. Only 1 event may take place at a time in either the building or on the grounds.
10. There must be at least 1 hour between consecutive events.

Accessibility:

1. It is essential that UUFF events do not exclude members of the community who are not, for whatever reason, ready to return to in-person events. Therefore, planners of any events that would normally have open attendance (worship, concert, book group, etc.) must ensure that interested parties who are unable or unwilling to attend in person have some form of access to that event--either live virtual access, streaming access to a recorded version within 24 hours, or some other mutually agreeable form of access. Those who need remote access to an event (outside of worship, which will automatically be made accessible) should contact the event's organizer as far as possible in advance to make arrangements.

Event Scheduling:

1. All events must be scheduled at least 72 hours in advance with the UUFF Administrator (Mel Sikes). At the time the event is scheduled, the person scheduling the event must indicate where it will be held (which indoor space or outdoors), and how many people are expected.