

UUCC Reopening Policy

Fall 2021

Grounding principles

While the urge to worship together again and the need to reopen our facilities is great, these desires must be heeded with caution for the safety of our congregation is paramount. Thus, the Board is monitoring UUA, CDC and NY State guidelines to make the most feasible, practical and cautionary plan for returning to live services based on the following principles and criteria.

- We will base our policies and decisions on the latest recommendations from medical and scientific authorities, as well as the manifest level of comfort in our community.
- We will be as inclusive as is safely possible. This includes families with children who are not yet able to be vaccinated, as well as any adult who cannot be vaccinated for health reasons.
- We will establish clear and direct policies for our core activities of Sunday Worship, Religious Education, and Rentals, and will rely on individual judgement for peripheral activities within the UUCC community.
- Sunday services are the foundation of our congregation, and we will try to ensure that as many people as possible feel comfortable attending them in person. We will also encourage the organization of supplemental events in less restricted environments (i.e., community circles) for those who are vaccinated and comfortable with closer socialization.
- We will strive to keep policies as simple and understandable as possible.

Reopening Criteria

All decisions regarding reopening and sanctioned activity will strictly adhere to NYSBOH and CDC guidelines, and may include additional restrictions based the monitoring of covid risk levels and trends, as well as the comfort level in our community. We will use the community risk levels and community risk assessment framework provided by covidactnow.com (as recommended by the UUA), which was constructed in partnership with the Harvard Global Health Institute and Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics and [other supporting institutions](#), as well as the results of our Reopening Survey conducted with our congregation.

UUCU Reopening Guidelines

**Ulster County
Covid Risk Level**

Severe

Medium – Very High

Low

Worship

Online Streaming only

Outdoors

X

**Masks for all
Social Distancing**

No Restrictions

Indoors

X

**Masks for all
Social Distancing
Proof of Vaccination
Attendance Cap: 30**

**Masks
Social Distance**

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X

**Same requirements as above except for
Vaccination Status (not for children)**

Indoor Rentals

20 person cap

Attendance Cap: 30

Capped at 30

Scheduled by Office Admin, unless larger than cap (submit to BoT President or Minister).

All outdoor events to be scheduled by Office Admin. Subject to NY State Regulations.

Renters are expected to set and enforce their own guidelines for masks and social distancing.