



The Unitarian Church in Westport

COVID Vaccination Protocol

From The Rev. Dr. John Morehouse, Senior Minister

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Because we have vulnerable populations who attend our worship and meetings, we are **expecting** that all who attend (over the age of 12 at this time) be vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated for other reasons, we **expect** that you will **not** attend services and meetings in person unless absolutely necessary. You are welcome to attend worship and many of our meetings on Zoom. If you must attend unvaccinated, we **expect** you to do so with an abundance of caution such as keep as much distance as possible, sitting outside where possible, and regular testing so that you know you are not putting someone else at risk.

We will continue to mandate mask wearing for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our congregation a safe space.

-- Rev. John

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Individuals who have any of the following symptoms or have had of the following exposures should not attend in-person religious services.

1. Anyone who is feeling ill for any reason.
2. Anyone with fever (>100.4 F).
3. If you or a family member have any of the following symptoms suggestive of covid-19:
 - a. New loss of taste or sense of smell
 - b. Congestion, runny nose, sore throat
 - c. Coughing
 - d. Muscle or body aches
 - e. Unusual fatigue
 - f. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
 - g. Fever or chills
 - h. Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
4. Any child with any of the above symptoms and/or:
 - a. Abdominal pain
 - b. Neck Pain
 - c. Rash
 - d. Bloodshot eyes
5. Anyone who has attended (a) a convention or meeting indoors (> 100 people), or (b) a private indoor gathering in a residence (> 25 people) where social distancing was not practiced and/or facemasks were not used, should not attend a religious service in-person for at least 2 weeks following the abovementioned event.
6. Anyone who has been in contact with a person known to be infected with the coronavirus should not attend for at least 2 weeks after known exposure.
7. Anyone who is unvaccinated and has travelled by airplane domestically or internationally or any vaccinated person who has travelled internationally, should consult the State of Connecticut Travel Advisory website (<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>) before deciding whether or not to attend an in-person religious service.
8. While best efforts have been made to reduce to a minimum the risk of Covid-19 transmission (i.e., use of facemasks, social distancing, hand sanitizer, etc.) during the service in the Sanctuary, some risk always exists. Those in attendance may include both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, including children and teenagers. If you are unvaccinated or have a medical condition in which your immunity may be impaired (e.g. following chemotherapy), you may want to consult your health care provider before making the decision to attend a religious service in person.

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