



The Unitarian Church in Westport

Attendance Guidelines

From The Rev. Dr. John Morehouse, Senior Minister

February, 2022

Dear Friends:

Because of the continuing drop in Covid infections, the Reopen Committee has revised our in-person policy to be "masks optional" as of this coming Sunday, February 27, 2022, which happens, also, to be our "***Bring a Friend, Be a Friend Sunday.***" Please join us if you can and bring a friend as we celebrate life together.

We are slowly reopening to being in-person as a congregation. We are inviting people to join us in person when they are able and willing. Of course, we will continue to invite people to join us virtually when possible. We remain a safe and caring community.

Wearing face masks will be optional for fully vaccinated individuals. We continue to expect those attending to be vaccinated and (when possible) boosted. If you would still like to attend in person and you are not fully vaccinated, please test negative before coming and wear a mask when attending. Test kits are available at the church.

If you are unsure about coming in person, then we will continue to offer virtual services. Please be comfortable with your decision.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

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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