

Dear FUUSN community,

Over the past month, the Operations Council, Board of Trustees, and FUUSN staff have continued to talk with congregants, religious professionals at other UU congregations, and health care professionals, and continued to monitor Covid metrics in our community.

We believe that we can safely continue our plan of relaxing masking protocols. Thus, beginning November 1st, masks will be optional in the Sanctuary, with the exception that masks will be required for those seated in the last 6 rows on both sides. Also, since we are planning to continue serving coffee after services given the success of the community breakfast and availability of volunteers, masks will be optional in the Parish Hall effective immediately.

While masking will be optional, we recommend well-fitting KN95 masks to provide added protection for the most vulnerable among us. We recognize that different people will make different masking decisions and we ask that you respect individual choices. We also ask that if you test positive for Covid after attending a FUUSN event, you notify those with whom you had close contact. We also hope that parents will let Devin know if their child tests positive after attending an RE program.

As a reminder about the safety of our indoor spaces, over the summer of 2021, before beginning to gather for in-person services, we improved the ventilation systems in all our spaces adding MERV-13 air filters and ionizing and ultraviolet systems to kill airborne viruses, and increased air exchanges so that our building meets the standards established for public school buildings. For more information on these changes, see [\[here\]](#).

We will continue to live-stream our services over zoom this year for those unable to attend in-person. We will also continue to monitor Covid metrics and guidance from public health officials and adjust our policy if needed.

Please feel to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Parisa Parsa, Interim Minister
Demie Stathoplos, on behalf of the Board of Trustees
Susan Bartlett, on behalf of the Operations Council