

Mission Peak UU Congregation

Covid-19 task force Policy

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Introduction

The Covid-19 task force recommendations:

- Are what we consider safe, and legal using the Alameda County guidelines
- We should not have any safety measures we do not enforce, or that are not easy to enforce. People are counting on us to let them know what measures are actually in place, not just what we think people should be doing.
- Assume there will be a Zoom option and outdoor option to participate in (hybrid) service so people can make their own decisions for how they want to participate

Where to get Masks:

Cloth masks offer significantly less protection than surgical, N95, and KN95 masks. Now that these masks are widely available, the Covid-19 response team strongly recommends acquiring and using masks with higher levels of protection. Below are two sources of quality masks:

<https://bonafidemasks.com/poweecom-kn95/> - KN95 has ear loops, from US distributor

<https://shop.projectn95.org/> - Many different choices of N95 and KN95 masks. I like the [Gerson N-95 Surgical Masks](#), very breathable, less than \$1 per mask, straps do not last as long as some others though.

How we allow services in Cole Hall starting Nov. 5, 2022

Covid-19 Task Force Policy on how to allow services in Cole Hall

- Provide three ways to attend -- via Zoom, sitting outside, or sitting inside.
- No limit beyond standard room capacity for the number of people inside.
- Encourage people to space out from others who they do not know to be fully vaccinated both inside and outside
- Attendees should be masked inside and outside. We encourage people to wear N95 (or equivalent) which are more effective than cloth or surgical masks.
- We allow worship leaders, associates, and other service participants to be unmasked while speaking if they voluntarily disclose they are vaccinated and boosted.
 - Get permission from all those folks to state in WotP and in the service that they have stated that they have been vaccinated.
 - We can also state that we acknowledge that not everyone inside Cole Hall may be vaccinated and boosted. We encourage people to do so.
- For their safety, we recommend all people of any age only come inside if vaccinated and boosted. We also recommend that people do not come inside if they are in close contact with at risk people.
- Children under 6 months can not yet be vaccinated -- we encourage parents/guardians to carefully consider the three attendance options we are offering.
- Children over 2 years old should be masked. Masks are not expected for children under 2.
- Eating or drinking should take place outside Cole Hall after the service, weather permitting.
- No special cleaning; signs posted to wash hands; hand sanitizer available at entrance
- No child care. Upon request can open Room 1 for use by adults with children in their care. Children's stations outside and/or inside may be set up.
- Use 6 air filters running on speed 3 or 4. Weather permitting open all doors. Open fewer doors during cold weather.
- Singing - Vaccinated and boosted performers may sing unmasked on the patio, and may sing unmasked inside if they test negative on a rapid test the morning of the service and have no fever or other symptoms. Masked attendees may sing inside and outside (make sure there is at least 10 feet space between unmasked performers and attendees)

Suggested Announcements for Service Safety

WOTP and OOS suggestions

Attendees should be masked inside and outside of Cole Hall during the service. We encourage people to wear N95 (or equivalent) which are more effective than cloth or surgical masks. We have such masks available in Cole Hall on Sunday mornings. We encourage people to only come inside Cole Hall if fully vaccinated and boosted. Because vaccinated people can still spread the disease to others, we strongly encourage those in contact with unvaccinated or immunocompromised people to attend services outside or via Zoom.

The Safety Policy on how we allow services in Cole Hall and other events is in the [About->Congregational Documents](#)” section of the mpuuc.org web site. If you wonder how we are trying to keep us all safe as we gather together again, please read it. We expect to continue to monitor what is safe and make changes as needed.

Contact Steve Wallcave with any questions about the safety policy.

Board Rep Announcement

Attendees should be masked inside and outside of Cole Hall during the service, preferably with N95 or KN95 masks. We have such masks available at the welcome table in the back, please help yourself. Eating and drinking are only allowed inside during cold weather and after service is over.

How we allow events with food on FUMC campus starting Nov. 5th

Covid-19 Task Force Policy on how to allow events with food in Cole Hall

- Provide option of outdoor seating.
- No limit beyond standard room capacity for number of people inside.
- Attendees should be masked inside when not eating.
- For their safety, we recommend all people of any age only come inside if vaccinated. We also recommend that people do not come inside if they are in close contact with at risk people.
- Children over 2 years old should be masked when not eating. Masks are not expected for children under 2.
- No special cleaning; signs posted to wash hands; hand sanitizer available by food
- Use 6 air filters running on speed 3 or 4. Weather permitting open all doors. Open fewer doors during cold weather.
- Singing - Indoor singers should wear masks (i.e. no singing while eating)

Covid-19 Task Force Policy on how to allow events with food on FUMC campus

Same rules apply to other indoor areas of FUMC campus (with the exception of the number of doors open, but there should be a maximum amount of ventilation in each area that eating will occur.)

Suggested Announcement for events with food on FUMC campus

WOP and OOS

Attendees should be masked inside Cole Hall during the pot luck unless you are eating.

Because it is apparent that vaccinated people can still spread the disease to others, we strongly encourage those in contact with at risk people (like unvaccinated or immunocompromised people) to attend events outside or via Zoom.

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