

# 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
  - The Alameda County public health emergency for COVID-19 ended February 28, 2023, see <https://covid-19.acgov.org/covid19-assets/docs/press/press-release-2023.02.28.pdf> for more information.
- 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/powecom-kg95/> - 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 March 8, 2023

## 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
- We encourage attendees to be masked inside. We encourage people to wear N95 (or equivalent) which are more effective than cloth or surgical masks. We will provide masks at the welcome table.
- 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.
- 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
- Use 6 air filters running on speed 3 or 4. Weather permitting open doors.
- Singing - No special restrictions.

# Suggested Announcements for Service Safety

## **WOTP and OOS suggestions**

We encourage attendees to be masked inside, using N95 (or equivalent) which are more effective than cloth or surgical masks. We have such masks available in Cole Hall on Sunday mornings. The end of the mask requirement does not mean the end of COVID-19, which will remain present in our community. We are allowing attendees to decide which tools to use to keep themselves and others as healthy as possible.

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.

Contact Steve Wallcave with any questions about the safety policy.

## **Board Rep Announcement**

We encourage attendees to be masked inside. We have masks available at the welcome table, in the back, please help yourself. The end of the mask requirement does not mean the end of COVID-19, which will remain present in our community. We are allowing attendees to decide which tools to use to keep themselves and others as healthy as possible.

## How we allow events on FUMC campus starting March 8th

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

- Provide option of outdoor seating.
- No limit beyond standard room capacity for number of people inside.
- We encourage attendees to 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.
- 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 doors.
- Singing - No special restrictions.
- Same rules (other than air filter requirement and outdoor seating) apply to other indoor areas of FUMC campus. There should be a maximum amount of ventilation in each area that is used.

### Suggested Announcement for events with food on FUMC campus

#### **WOP and OOS**

We encourage attendees to be masked inside (when not eating). The end of the mask requirement does not mean the end of COVID-19, which will remain present in our community. We are allowing attendees to decide which tools to use to keep themselves and others as healthy as possible.

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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