

Guidelines for in-person activities at BUC

- All attendees to church functions on the BUC campus are required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.
- Speakers at the pulpit or soloists performing, socially distanced from the congregation, may take their masks off while speaking or performing. These persons must be fully vaccinated and attest to their lack of recent COVID-19 symptoms or exposure prior to participating in a worship service.
- If you have the possibility of active COVID illness or recent exposure to a person with COVID, do not attend church functions until a safe period has passed (i.e., 14 days after your last contact, per [CDC guidelines](#)).
- No food or drink will be served at indoor BUC functions held at the BUC campus. People may bring water, but masks may only be lifted briefly to drink. Groups that have traditionally served food or drinks at events should consider meeting outdoors, when possible, or at an off-campus location.
- We ask that people adhere to the principle of “active consent” in their interactions with other folks and with respect to their personal space. For example, ask if someone is comfortable with a hug or a handshake, or check before sitting closer than three feet from someone.

In addition to the actions we’re asking of our community, BUC has implemented the following measures to help ensure the safety and well-being of our beloved community.

- Online worship will continue with our new multiplatform worship format, which includes a live stream of the in-person service. Religious education classes will continue, with a multi-platform option to supplement in-person class.
- The heating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in our building have been upgraded to a higher filtration level with the use of MERV-13 air filters. HVAC fans are set to run continuously during room occupancy, and satellite air filtration units are in use in classrooms and smaller meeting rooms.

- To reduce the risk of aerosol transmission between groups making sequential use of the same room, events are scheduled 30 minutes apart to provide time for air ventilation and filtration.
- To reduce risks associated with surface transmission, our custodial staff cleans occupied rooms on a daily basis. Hand sanitizer is available for use by congregants during BUC events.

Off-campus events:

- BUC and the Reopening Task Force are not responsible for setting rules for events held outside of our campus. Attendees should abide by rules set by the host or venue where an event is held.
- We encourage organizers to adhere to the principle of “active consent” to determine masking rules for off-campus events. Some congregants may be uncomfortable attending an event with unmasked participants. Before getting together, discuss your plans and ask what participants are comfortable with. If one or more persons are uncomfortable meeting without masks, we ask you to address these concerns in a way that honors our church covenant.

We have striven to find the right balance between meeting our need to experience in-person fellowship and ensuring we can do so in a safe way. It is important to recognize that the pandemic remains fluid, and we are prepared to make further changes to our plans as the need arises. We thank you all for your participation in our community and the work that we all do to be safe, healthy, and whole. We look forward to being with you soon.