

# FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH (UU WAUSAU) REOPENING PLAN

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## CURRENT PHASE: 2

**Purpose:** The goal of this document is to communicate the reopening of the church building and programs responsibly and in accordance with legal restrictions and health guidelines.

**Reference:** The reopening plan is aligned with the Marathon County Health Department, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Phase Determinations:** With the input of staff and members, the Board of Trustees reviews recent guidance from local, state, and federal health officials regarding COVID-19 safety and determines whether to move phases or amend the reopening plan. Board meetings are open to all members and are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Phase	Description	Activity	Notes
<b>UU at Home</b>	Safer at Home	<u>All activities, events, and services held online only.</u>	Church building closed; minister and staff work mostly from home.
<b>Phase 1</b>	<p>First steps for reopening building.</p> <p>Still mostly online but occasional in-person small group gatherings allowed in designated areas with pre-approval from the Cong. Administrator.</p>	<p><u>Sunday &amp; special services online only.</u></p> <p><u>Limited in-person gatherings allowed for:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Small groups (RE, committees, renters, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Childcare is unavailable.</p>	<p>Church building reopens; regular office hours resume.</p> <p>Masking &amp; distancing required in all areas of the church building when public health officials list community transmission as substantial or high.</p>
<b>Phase 2</b>	Expanded in-person events & offerings.	<p><u>In-person Sunday &amp; special services resume.</u></p> <p>Childcare available after health officials rate community transmission low (&lt;10 per 100,000) for two weeks.</p>	Same as Phase 1.
<b>Phase 3</b>	Gathering and building restrictions lessened.	Childcare resumes as normal.	Responsible health measures followed. <i>Specific details will be subject to then-current health guidance.</i>

## GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

Staff, members, and visitors should observe the gathering restrictions and note the information below:

- The Marathon County Health Department, DHS, and CDC recommend that masks be worn regardless of vaccination status in areas with substantial or high levels of community transmission. Up-to-date information on community transmission as well as details on safe activities and vaccinations can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>.
- Weekly professional cleaning of premises (All Phases).
- Building users must prearrange meeting times and locations with the Congregational Administrator (All Phases).
  - Prospective & returning renters: Contact the Congregational Administrator for updated information and to sign a new building use form.
- Families are welcome to bring children to all services and events.
  - Note: Childcare is currently suspended in consideration of the health and safety of children and their caregivers, as well as the church's childcare providers. The nursery is open for families to use if needed. Contact the Director of Religious Education for further information.
- Contact the Director of Religious Education for information about religious education for youth & young adults.
- If you or any member of your family feel ill, please do not enter the building.

## INFORMATION ON COVID-19 AND VACCINES

- DHS information on COVID-19: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>.
- CDC information on COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.
- Marathon County Health Department information on COVID-19 vaccines and how to obtain one: <https://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Departments/HealthDepartment/COVID19/VaccineInformation.aspx>.
- DHS information on COVID-19 vaccines and how to obtain one: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.html>.
- DHS guidance on what to do if you test positive for COVID-19: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02803.pdf>.

## INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES AND SERVICE TIMES

- Beginning Sunday, September 12, services start at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated. Services are streamed live on the church's YouTube page and posted as a podcast everywhere they are available.

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