

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Northern Chautauqua
Companionship on life's sacred journey

Health and Safety Plan
for Worship Services and Other UUCNC Activities

The following policy is put in place by the UUCNC Executive Board, **effective October 15, 2023** and replaces all previous policies. It was developed by the Executive Board with input from the committee chairs, based on the most recent New York State and CDC guidelines, using data reported at covidactnow.org and www.airnow.gov.

This plan is subject to change if changing conditions warrant. The Executive Board may update this policy and implement any changes without any waiting period for the change to take place. In the case of any future changes in this health and safety policy, the Board will inform congregants of such changes in as timely a manner as possible.

UUCNC understands the need to commit to offering dual platform worship services, and it will continue to do so. This format allows optimal verbal and visual sharing between those present at 222 Temple St. and those participating online.

- UUCNC will continue to prepare/distribute orders of service prior to each service.
- UUCNC will maintain the number of people involved in worship technology each week at three.

General Provisions:

1. Mask wearing is optional and up to the individual to assess risk. All are encouraged to seek full vaccination whenever possible.
2. Air quality and covid numbers will be monitored through www.airnow.gov and covidactnow.org. When air quality conditions are zoned red or orange, appropriate measures as advised by those sites shall be taken.
3. Other groups (Soul Matters, etc.) meeting in person at 222 Temple St. will offer dual platform opportunities for participation.

*** Sources:**

CovidActNow.org, the site UUCNC currently uses to assess local rates of risk for spreading and contracting COVID, has issued a statement that they have chosen to use and follow the CDC guidelines for assessing COVID risk exposure. Learn more at <https://covidactnow.org> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

www.airnow.gov, the site UUCNC uses to monitor local air quality events due to non-covid causes such as wildfires, is Trustpilot verified, with a rating of 4.8 out of 5 stars for clarity and accuracy.