

Unitarian Church of Edmonton
Board Meeting Minutes - August 23, 2021

Due to time constraints and the need to circulate information to the congregation prior to the scheduled re-opening, an email motion was circulated as follows:

Moved by Andrew Mills, **seconded** by Mike Keast, that the re-opening plan developed by the working group and dated 22 Aug 2021 be adopted for the re-opening of UCE on September 1, 2021. A copy of the re-opening plan is attached.

Email responses were received with YES votes from Marilyn Gaa, Susan Ruttan, Gloria Krenbrenk, Jennifer Askey, Brandie Moller-Reid and David Hagel.

The motion is **CARRIED** unanimously.


Gloria Krenbrenk, Secretary

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2021 Re-Opening Plan for the Unitarian Church of Edmonton

22 August 2021

COVID 19 is a real and dangerous health threat. The UCE Board has an obligation to protect our members to the best of their ability and the use of vaccinations, masks, screenings, and social distancing have been shown to be effective protections.

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton (UCE) is planning to re-open for in-person meetings and services as of 1 September 2021. Here are the details of that plan. Note that the Board will update this plan as needed or as directed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) of Alberta. The Board of UCE may choose to retain stricter guidelines than are directed by the CMOH.

UCE will require that all meetings and services follow guidelines to help protect those gathered from COVID 19. Anyone choosing to enter the building is subject to these guidelines which will be posted prominently at the entrance. There are three main guidelines:

- 1. Wear a mask.** Everyone in the public areas of the building, or in areas where people are gathered, must always wear a mask. There is to be no eating or drinking in the building as this would require a person to remove their mask.
- 2. COVID Screening.** All people attending a gathering must be screened for COVID symptoms. Volunteers will ask if they have had recent symptoms, what their vaccination status¹ is, and if they are volunteering that day. Temperatures may be taken with a non-contact thermometer. Name and contact numbers will also be noted in case there is a COVID exposure at the gathering. Screening forms will be disposed after 30 days. Please arrive early for your event so that you can complete the screening.
- 3. Social Distancing.** People at all gatherings must maintain social distancing. Seating should be spaced apart and separate entrances and exits set up to prevent people from bunching together. Coffee service is suspended, and people are asked to maintain their distance when meeting other people.

Should a person choose not to follow these guidelines then they will be asked to attend the service (or gathering) online. Those not fully vaccinated¹ are asked to not attend in-person events. All Sunday services will continue to be broadcast online while these guidelines are in place.

Some additional notes

1. Vaccinations are not required for children under 12 or for those with a medical exemption.
2. Regular cleaning of the church will resume in September; however, there is no guarantee that all surfaces will be clean. Additional cleaning supplies will be available in the lobby so that groups using the church can do whatever extra cleaning they desire before their event.
3. Children will also be required to wear a mask. Guidelines for children will follow the current guidelines for Edmonton Public Schools.
4. The leaders of any group that is using the space will be responsible for complying with these guidelines.
5. Congregational singing will require that masks are in place and that people are socially distanced.

Questions?

If you have questions about this plan, then please email the president of the board mikekeast@shaw.ca.