Greater Nashville Unitarian Universalist Congregation Board Policy: COVID19 Safety – Recommendations and Guidance

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Introduction

The disease known as COVID-19, caused by the SARS-CoV 2 virus, impacted GNUUC and the rest of the world beginning in March 2020. The dynamics of the virus and its transmission have changed over time, profoundly affecting our thoughts and actions.

The safety and security of the GNUUC community are our priority. As a thoughtful and responsible community presence, we aim to set and support safe, reasonable, data-driven recommendations to mitigate individual and community risk. GNUUC will abide by federal, state, and local regulations.

Isolation and Precautions for People With COVID-19

- If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home for at least 5 days.
- If you had no symptoms, end isolation after 5 days.
- If you had symptoms, please see the detailed guidance at the link below.

COVID-19 Information at the CDC

- CDCTracker: Davidson County View
- When Nashville and surrounding areas experience substantial or high transmission:
 - o A mask will be required at GNUUC in the sanctuary before, during, and after the Sunday service.
 - o A mask will not be required outside the sanctuary or inside the sanctuary except as noted above.
 - o Individuals are encouraged and supported to take the precautions they feel necessary for their own safety.
- When Nashville (Davidson County) Covid 19 Community Level is low (Green), masks are optional.
- COVID-19 Data Tracker: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view

COVID-19 Indoor Safety Guideline

The following reference is used to calculate GNUUC building capacity: https://indoor-covid-safety.herokuapp.com/

GNUUC COVID-19 Safety Policy

Expected Practices

- 1. GNUUC strongly encourages the vaccination of all members of our community for whom the COVID-19 vaccine is indicated.
- 2. Vaccination or confirmation of vaccination status is not required by GNUUC.
- 3. Adherence to safe practice is expected and designed to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- 4. Virtual options for the GNUUC Sunday Service will remain available for the foreseeable future.
- 5. Members are expected to stay home when ill; participation in virtual events is encouraged.
- 6. Everyone is required to wear a mask in the sanctuary before, during, and after the service.
 - a. Masks are expected to be worn correctly, fitting the face, and covering the mouth and
 - b. Personal multi-layered cloth masks may be worn by individuals.
 - Nonwoven disposable masks will be made available and distributed at all GNUUC events.

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