

Guidelines for Grace Community Church, UCC and Thrift Shop

Updated August 20, 2021

Both Settings:

1. Regardless of CDC guidelines, masks will be required to be worn at all times indoors to maintain the physical and mental wellbeing for our members and guests. This includes small-group meetings and in the back room of the Thrift Shop.
2. Please sanitize upon entering. Hand sanitizer will be made available by greeters.
3. We will have a quick questionnaire at check in to maintain good records for contact tracing.
4. We ask that everyone respect distance, we all have different comfort levels.
5. We will continue to provide meeting space for AA as long as COVID protocol is followed.

Thrift Shop:

1. Please do not come to the Thrift Shop if you have a cough, cold, fever, or any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19.
2. Children are welcome, we ask that children remain under the supervision of their grown-ups. By bringing your children, please consider the risks involved until all age groups can be vaccinated.
3. In event of a Thrift Shop volunteer or patron receiving a positive COVID test result, we will enforce the following protocol:
 - o Referring to the contact tracing log to notify those who may have been exposed.
 - o Requiring all volunteers who have been exposed to take a COVID test.
 - o Until we can be certain of zero positive COVID results among staff, the Thrift Shop will remain closed for the health of the community.
4. Volunteers who refuse to be tested after an exposure should self-isolate for 10 days.

Worship:

1. Please do not attend in-person worship if you have a cough, cold, fever, or any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19. We will have a live stream available on Zoom.
2. Our greeters will show you to the pew that is appropriately distanced for your group size.

3. Children are welcome, however there will not be Sunday school at this time. We ask that children remain under the supervision of their grown-ups. By bringing your children, please consider the risks involved until all age groups can be vaccinated.
4. Social Hour will not be held in Grace Hall at this time. For the first few weeks we will not provide refreshments during our time of fellowship. We do encourage people to mix and mingle outside after worship for the time being—we've missed one another! Please continue to be mindful of distancing, recognizing that others may have a different level of comfort with coming back together.
5. Offering will be collected in a designated place to reduce the number of times things are passed between people. You can leave offering as you enter or as you exit.
6. Communion will still be shared on the first Sunday of the month. You will receive the communion elements as you enter to reduce the spread of germs.
7. If you are planning to bring a group of more than four people, please let us know ahead of time so we can make sure there is a pew designated to allow for you to sit together with proper distancing. Contact Kim at kim@gccuccnf.org to give us a heads up.
8. During nice weather when we are not running central heat and air, to provide adequate ventilation, we will have doors and windows open in the sanctuary. This increases ambient noise, so those who are hard of hearing should let a greeter know so we can seat you in a place to better accommodate you.