

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR GATHERINGS

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COVID and its variants are surging around the country, and Georgia is no exception. According to [COVID Act Now](#) all the counties we draw from are in Very High to Severe risk status. Even with UUMAN's high vaccination rate, it is time to increase our level to PHASE RED +V.

This means all UUMAN indoor activities are on hold. Worship, group meetings, and other events will move online until further notice. Outdoor activities may continue with strict adherence to the precautions below. In all planning, we will keep in mind our values of inclusion, privacy and attention to science.

Safety is everyone's job, and every situation holds some risk. You decide what is safe for you and your household. **No one should attend an event if they are feeling unwell or have had recent contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19.** If you test positive for COVID within 5 days of attending a UUMAN event, please alert the UUMAN Board (board@uuman.org). Someone from the Board will contact you to discuss privately. This will help us inform others that may have been exposed.

Here are the precautions:

Inside, any size group: On hold until further notice, regardless of vaccination status.

Outside, any size group: Masks are required for everyone over the age of 2 (including speakers). Six foot physical distancing between household groups is required. Physical contact (hugging, shaking hands) is not recommended.

Safety Coordinator: Each event must have a mandatory safety coordinator. If there is no safety coordinator, then the leader of the event is the safety coordinator. The role of the safety coordinator is

- ensure these guidelines are followed
- make announcement at the beginning of the event as to the precautions in place for the event
- take attendance in case the group needs to be contacted (this applies to groups meetings and classes)

Food- Normal hygiene; Removing masks to eat or drink may be done outside in household groups

Bathroom – Normal hygiene; may be used one household at a time

Singing and choir activities continue to be a markedly higher risk activity and the UUA has updated its guidance [here](#). For now for UUMAN, there is no singing and no wind instruments allowed at any gathering.