



Hinsdale
United
Methodist
Church

**Health & Safety Policy
During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Revised 5/18/21**

Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to clarify and document HUMC practices to protect the health & safety of our members and faith community. It also states our expectations for behavior and hygiene of all persons attending HUMC functions and when visiting the church building. We believe it is critical for everyone to do all they can to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and protect community health.

Health and Safety Procedures at HUMC

- **Vaccinations** – Everyone is strongly encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are free and now widely available at multiple outlets.
- **Personal health & hygiene** – Be aware and prudent. Stay home if you are sick (coughing, sneezing), avoiding any personal contact with others.
- **Hand washing** – Effective and frequent hand washing recommended for all.
- **Masking** – Face masks are **optional** for all with vaccinations.
Face masks are mandatory for those who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine.
Masks are encouraged for any with compromised immune systems or other medical issues.
- **Social distancing** – Social distancing is encouraged, with limited handshaking.
Floor stickers are installed to facilitate maintaining minimum of 6 feet of separation.
- **Church Building and Meeting Spaces** – Regular cleaning and disinfection with approved chemicals. HUMC will be cleaned as necessary with extra attention to high contact surfaces (door knobs, light switches, etc.). Air purifiers have been installed, but all should be aware that some rooms have limited air circulation.
- **Singing** – This will be avoided until there is a higher level of vaccinations, as per NIC of UMC.
- **Food and Beverages** – Limited food and beverages are allowed.
- **Church Office** – Limited visits and physical contact with church office staff to protect staff wellness.