



NORTHLAKE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

A spiritual home where all are welcome

Congregational guidance on church gatherings (no in person services until Sept)

On June 30, 2021, backed by guidance from the CDC, Washington state fully reopened and, with some specific exceptions, businesses and organizations returned to usual capacity and operations. Masks were optional for fully vaccinated individuals in many venues. On July 27th, with increased spread of the Delta variant, the CDC issued [updated recommendations](#) for vaccinated individuals to wear masks indoors in areas with SUBSTANTIAL or HIGH levels of transmission. [King County currently](#) has a SUBSTANTIAL level of transmission.

The guidelines for Northlake's facility usage by our members, effective immediately, are:

- We can use our buildings for small, indoor meetings, with all individuals present wearing masks. No singing or food/drink is permitted at this time.
- We will not have large, indoor meetings before September, when in-person Worship services are expected to begin in some form – more information to come.
- Anyone attending an on-campus outdoor event should bring and wear a mask upon joining the event. If practical, the group meeting can subsequently decide, through [covenantal consent](#), whether to wear masks for that meeting. Covenantal consent is the practice of listening deeply and carefully to the concerns of others before making decisions, with the aim of inclusion and care for each other.

Anyone who is unvaccinated should always wear a mask when on the Northlake campus and maintain social distance.

We are an inclusive and welcoming community. Every meeting should, if possible and if desired by any member of the group, support remote participation by zoom, i.e., a “multi-platform” meeting.

Important: Every scheduled event will have a group leader's name associated and the group leader is responsible for ensuring that these guidelines and covenantal process are followed, and, if appropriate, ensuring that remote access is available.

Note: At times, you may observe renters using our campus and buildings differently. Based on their group, they may have different guidelines, but they should always be following current applicable state and county guidelines and will also be required to wear masks if sharing any common space (such as restrooms or lobbies) with other groups.