

# Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth Safe Return Plan and Procedures (Covid-19)

## Summary for STEP 1 of Plan (Excerpts of full plan with minor modifications)

Full Plan available on website and at the Center

- *The purpose of the Safe Return Plan and Procedure is to provide for the best practices, as suggested by the CDC and our local and state regulatory bodies during the Covid-19 Pandemic for gathering as a Faith Based Community.*
- *It is recognized that the Covid-19 Pandemic is an ever-changing situation and as such this plan is subject to revision in accordance with the guidance by state and local mandates.*
- *It is important that as a Spiritual Community we provide continued support for the well-being of our community members and cautiously move forward in opening to in person gatherings that meet our mission without risking health and safety. Thus, we take our responsibility for the care and well-being of our community seriously and respect the individual choices to decline participation in any aspect of our in-person gatherings. The Sunday Service will continue to be live streamed via Zoom, and presenters may opt to participate in the service in person or remotely through their zoom connection.*
- *This plan is presented by the Safe Return Team, consisting of Rev. Delyth Balmer, Paul Jurgensen, Steve Lyskawa and Erik Nowakowski. It is approved by the Board of Trustees.*

### Opening Step 1:

The Center will be open on **Sunday mornings** for the purpose of live streaming the Sunday Celebration Service. Only those involved in presenting (Service Leader, Speaker, Music Director, Guest Musician(s), Meditation leader, Reader) and those providing technical support and building sanitization services will be in attendance. Others under special circumstances as approved by the Administrator may attend with total not to exceed 10 persons. Youth education via Zoom only. Presenters may opt to zoom their presentation from home.

The Center may be open for gatherings of **small groups during the week** of no more than 10, including persons involved in any technical support or sanitization services, as approved by the Administrator and in compliance with this “Safe Return Plan & Procedure” document. All entities who facilitate classes and events at the Center will be required to follow the guidelines as established by the Safe Return committee and approved by the ICSG Board of Trustees.

### **MASK WEARING**

- **All who attend in-person events will be required to wear a face mask while in the building.** In special circumstances persons may need to temporarily remove the face mask while in the building. In this case, distances of greater than 6 feet must be maintained, preferably more, and ideally, by occupying a space separate from others in the building. (ie. Staff working in separate offices or separate spaces such as the kitchen, social hall or classrooms)
- Disposable face masks are available for those who arrive without one.
- **All who attend in person must fill out a health survey upon arrival for each event.**
- Hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol are available at the entrance/exit to the Center, outside each restroom, and inside each restroom.
- Tissues and no-touch trashcans are available throughout the building.
- Gloves are available for use in cleaning/disinfecting surfaces.
- Staff and volunteers will be designated as a cleaning/disinfecting crew and trained in proper techniques.
- The space will be disinfected prior to other persons entering the building and following departure. During phase 1 this may be one individual.
- Prop open entry doors to the social hall and the rear sanctuary door during events, weather permitting.
- Turn off heating/air conditioning during events.

### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

- Persons in attendance must maintain 6 ft. distance. (exceptions for momentary communications as between tech team members.) No hugging, handshaking or hand holding (ie. 6 feet distance).
- Chairs in the sanctuary are spaced 6 feet apart in all directions and 12 feet from the lectern.
- Persons of the same household may sit together.
- The Music Director and Guest Musician must remain 12 feet apart if performing together.
- Microphones will be sanitized after each use. (Hand held microphones will not be shared.)
- Refreshments will not be served at Sunday Celebration Services. Attendees may bring their own beverages.
- Drinking fountain: available only for filling single use cups, no drinking directly from spout.