

UCM REOPENING GUIDELINES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Please check back for new information – new FAQs will be placed at the beginning.

When will the building be open?

The Covid-19 Task Force is working on developing a phased reopening plan which will take into account community metrics - percentage new cases per 100,000, positivity rates and percentage of people vaccinated, UUA guidelines and recommendations, and the air quality project work schedule (see following FAQs). As soon as the proposed phased reopening plan is approved by the Executive Team and Governing Board it will be shared with everyone. At the moment there are many unknowns and many questions that cannot be answered. However, we will continue to update as we know/learn more.

When will we be able to worship in-person?

We will not be able to worship in-person until we meet the criteria listed in Phase I of our Reopening Guidelines. Please check [here](#) for guidelines.

The Phase I Reopening Guidelines state that New Cases must be 1 or less per 100,000. Vermont's population is approximately 644,000 – does that mean we can have 6.4 new cases per day?

Yes, the data that is reported in the New York Times [dashboard](#) is per/100,000 population. You would multiply the number reported on the dashboard by 6.4. The Vermont dashboard for new cases is difficult to use and most health experts use the New York Times Dashboard which reports the new cases on the previous 7-day average. Using a 7- day average, a brief increase or decrease in new cases in a single day does not dramatically impact the number – it is a better way to look at trends. In the early days of the pandemic Vermont's new cases were frequently at 1 or zero. In early April 2021 Vermont was averaging approximately 19 new cases per 100,000 (approximately 114 new cases per day) and as of May 10, we were averaging 9 new cases per 100,000 (54 cases per day). The trend is definitely now moving in the right direction!