



United Youth Ministry COVID 19 Guidelines

Updated as of July 12, 2022

Dear Families,

As you may be aware, Matthews UMC Key Leaders and Staff Team continue to work diligently to monitor and review protocols and procedures regarding the best care for our church community around COVID19. It is important to all leadership that we continue to address the safety of everyone who walks onto our campus. Many changes and protective measures are required for participants to follow during on campus events. The below guidelines are based on the following:

- + Governor Cooper's direction for North Carolina and Mayor Higdon's for Matthews along with the guidelines set forth from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), & local health department.
- + Recommendations and guidance from Bishop Leeland, the Western North Carolina Conference UMC leader.
- + Honoring Matthews UMC's Mission to be open for all, as we seek to Reach, Teach, Praise, and Serve in the safest, most informed way possible.

This cover letter describes the guidelines and procedures being followed for all United Youth Activities occurring on the Matthews UMC Campus as of July 12, 2022:

1. Refrain from participating in any in person gatherings if you or anyone in your residence has experienced a fever or respiratory symptoms within 14 days of the event.
2. Matthews UMC & United Youth & Kids Ministries at this time encourages that all participants wear a face mask covering both their nose and mouth at all times [indoors], unless eating, when participating in any United Youth & Kids Ministry sponsored activity on campus.
3. Volunteers and Leaders (youth & adults) serving alongside kids and vulnerable adults are still required to wear face masks covering both their nose and mouth at all times [indoors], unless eating, when participating in any United Youth & Kids Ministry sponsored activity on campus. Masks are optional during outdoor activities.
4. During MUMC sponsored events where Kids, Teens, or Vulnerable Adults are participating; drivers and all passengers will be required to be masked during any vehicle transportations (even public transportation) throughout the event.
5. Kids, Teens, and Vulnerable Adults participating in United Youth or Kids Mission Experiences will be required to be masked when serving in outside non-profits organizations.
6. While on campus practice hand sanitizing (hand sanitizer will be provided at all events).
7. Please be aware that several cleaning and sterilization & sanitation procedures continue to be utilized during this time.

Finally, for the foreseeable future, all minors participating in on campus events must sign the United Youth & Kids Assumption of Risk Form along with their parent/guardian, to be kept in their file. We will continue to update you on any new developments regarding policies and procedures in regards to care & safety for our community during COVID19.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of our United Youth Staff Team.

Blessings,

Pastor Corey Milliet
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Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Matthews United Methodist Church ("MUMC") has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, however, we **cannot guarantee** that you or your child(ren)/youth will not become infected with COVID-19 while participating in MUMC United Youth and/or other MUMC sponsored activities.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren)/youth and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in MUMC United Youth and/or other MUMC sponsored activities, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, MUMC employees, volunteers, and United Youth participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren)/youth or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren)/youth may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s/youth's attendance at MUMC or participation in MUMC United Youth and /or other MUMC sponsored activities and programming ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless MUMC, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of MUCM, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any MUMC activity, event or program.

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Youth's Printed Name

Youth's Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

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