

Information about Masks

There have been many types of masks and face coverings being used during the pandemic. Testing on these masks has provided some good information about how well each type of mask works in different scenarios. Because the ventilation and filtration of the indoor air at the Unigogue is not as good as in other, more modern buildings, the Safe Gathering Committee is recommending that folks consider using a very good fitting mask with three layers of filtering. Here is some additional information about masks should you wish to learn more about the types of masks and their level of protection. The choice is, however, yours. You must wear a mask, you choose what makes you feel most comfortable and safe.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novelcoronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/about-non-medical-masks-facecoverings.html>

There will be surgical and respirator masks available for anyone who would like to access a better mask than they are currently using. A donation of \$3 or pay what you can is suggested to help cover the cost of the respirator masks. They are CAN99 respirators, Canadian made and recyclable - a specific recycling bin has been purchased in order to return them, AND any other surgical masks you might be using, to the company who have a recycling program that creates building materials. You can learn more about this on the Vitacore website.

<https://www.vitacore.ca/recycling-program>

Also, here is a tool that can be used to help decide the risk of attending certain events or visiting with others. It was developed by the National Institute on Aging. It may be a useful tool to help people make informed decisions about the risk level of attending community activities or small social gatherings with friends and family. The questionnaires at this link can help you decide whether returning to the Fellowship for in person services is the right decision for you personally at this time. It is a "risk tool" that will provide you with the risks of attending based on how you answer the questions.

<https://covidvisitrisk.com>