



# Український Освітньо-Культурний Центр Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center

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## Covid-19 Reopening Overview

The UECC continues to be committed to its mission of establishing and maintaining facilities for the promulgation of the Ukrainian culture and heritage by promoting, supporting, conducting and maintaining educational programs while keeping the community as safe as possible. While much of the Center experience will look different, some things won't change – our care for our community.

These are extraordinary times, and we are preparing for many scenarios that the pandemic may present. With this in mind, we are planning a phased and measured return to the Center. We established a three tiered system of return. We are nearly done with Tier 1. Once the Tier 1 group is in and settled, we will move to Tier 2 and then Tier 3. All groups that indicate their interest to return to business at the Center, are required to submit a return plan. That plan gets reviewed and then coordinated with the building's calendar to ensure an organized safe exit and entry.

It's important to note that this plan serves as a high-level overview to our approach and individual organization's plans are being developed with more granular detail. All community members should familiarize themselves with the plan and refer back often as conditions and content may change.

**Although we can't eliminate all risk of COVID-19 exposure and infection, our UECC community can work together to help reduce the risk by staying informed, following all signs and guidelines, and supporting others in following safer hygiene and distancing practices.**

## Guiding Principles

General health and safety guidance should be followed in all of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's phases for reopening, while additional measures will be needed during times of significant community spread.

The UECC has prepared Building Guidelines for your return. We continue to embrace our educational and cultural mission as well as a culture of care and wellness for self and others, designed for a safer visit.

- Our approach and commitment to physical distancing, face coverings and other safety measures are grounded in each of our values of care for the individual, care for the community and care for the institution.
- Our mitigation strategy will de-densify common areas as much as possible to allow for physical distancing and other mitigation practices to teaching, learning, working, and gathering.
- Our Board and staff have engaged in robust planning for the fall and are ready to respond to changing conditions, continuing to be available to our community for its needs.

In addition to building plans, all organizations and tenants will create plans specific to their areas and ensure their members are informed of any new procedures. Plans will address the following, as applicable to each:

- Distancing and shared spaces
- Signage
- Staggered shifts
- Traffic flow

## **Additional Measures**

### **Cleaning and Disinfection**

- No cleaning or disinfecting measures will completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19 exposure or infection, but we can work together to increase cleaning and disinfecting of work spaces.
- The UECC is working proactively with its housekeeping staff on enhanced cleaning protocols.
- Certain areas have been prioritized for enhanced routine cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection based on the risk of transmission, including public restrooms.
- Special attention is given to high-touch areas within the building, this includes door handles and push bars, stairwell handrails, faucet fixtures (no water fountains will be available), light switches.
- Cleaning and disinfecting procedures follow current CDC guidelines, and are updated according to the latest available public health information.
- All organizations and tenants are asked to disinfect their usage area upon arrival and departure.

Please be aware that disinfecting surfaces is not a substitute for regular, thorough handwashing, wearing a face mask, and maintaining social distancing. The CDC has stated that person to person transmission via respiratory droplets, rather than contaminated surfaces, is the more likely route of infection.

## **Ventilation**

- Increased ventilation will not eliminate the risk of COVID-19 exposure or infection, but will be used with other measures to help reduce the risk.
- Weather permitting, some events, gatherings and classes are encouraged to be held outdoors.
- In line with public health guidelines, the circulation of outside air is increased whenever possible by opening windows in buildings with or without centralized systems.

## **Visitors**

- Guests/visitors are prohibited from stopping in to the UECC without a prior appointment with the office or with the intended party.
- Outside visitors should be limited to essential business operations whenever possible.
- Anyone entering the building is required to wear a face covering/mask\*. If one is not being worn, you will be asked to exit the premises.

\* “Face covering” means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. A “face covering” can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen. For purposes of this order, a face covering includes a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth. “Face coverings” may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or be improvised from household items, including but not limited to, scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. While procedural and surgical masks intended for healthcare providers and first responders meet these requirements, such as N95 respirators, these specialized masks should be reserved for appropriate occupational and health care settings.