



# Reopening Our Facilities Methodology

As we move through this experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, our top priority remains your health and safety and that of our staff. The Board of Trustees has adopted a methodology for reopening our spiritual center. This methodology takes into account the guidelines from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department (SCCPHD), best-practices developed by other spiritual communities, your thoughts and attitudes towards reopening, and discernment by the Board.

While we will not speculate on when or how we will be able to re-open, we are actively exploring possibilities for ways in which we can continue to offer powerful spiritual practices that empower transformation and help people live better lives under a variety of difference circumstances. These ideas include small and large online and in-person groups and activities.

## No Speculation

We will not speculate on a future date for reopening. We will follow this methodology for determining our readiness to re-open.

## SCCPHD Order & Guidelines

The SCCPHD will be our top guidepost followed by discernment of what we think is best for our spiritual community. We continue to follow the current SCCPHD Shelter-in-Place (SIP) Order. Future changes in the order will be reviewed to determine what is legally permitted. We will listen to the SCCPHD and health advisors to understand the most effective precautions needed to ensure we are doing all we can for your health and safety and that of our staff.

## Defining Options

After any change in the SIP Order, the Board of Trustees will define and evaluate the options available for reopening. The Board will communicate our findings and if the Board determines there are feasible options, we will proceed to the next step of surveying our congregation.

## Congregation Survey

Your thoughts and feelings regarding returning to activities at Unity Palo Alto are very important to this process. Once we have defined feasible options for re-opening, we will invite you to complete a questionnaire to help the Board understand the thoughts and wishes of our spiritual community

## Re-Opening Process

The Board is developing a checklist of needed activities, such as cleaning, building safety inspections, and restocking materials.

## Spiritual Discernment

The Board of Trustees will take this information into discernment and decide our next steps. If re-opening is approved, the Board will set a re-open date based on the time needed for the re-opening process.