

Updated AAUW Covid-19 Recommended Guidelines – Elgin 7-12-21

We have made several gains during the pandemic. The times we live in continues to change and our response to Covid-19 is also changing. We have come through some very dark days and uncertainty about the future. We have come out on the other side. Therefore, we need to continue to be flexible and know these guidelines may change, depending upon what is happening in our state, our country, and the world.

These guidelines are based on Restore IL and the 5-phase plan put into effect by Governor Pritzker as well as best practices as identified by the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and WHO (World Health Organization). As a branch, we do not have our own physical space, so we recognize that we will also need to adhere to the guidelines at the places we meet. As of the development of this list, we are in Phase 5.

We also understand that many of our members are in high-risk categories. We do not want to put anyone at risk, but rather prioritize the health of everyone.

1. We can continue to meet via Zoom or other video conferencing program. Meeting via Zoom will continue to be an effective way of safely gathering when weather does not permit gathering in person.
2. Anyone who is not feeling well should stay home as it puts others at risk.
3. Committees, program or interest group offerings may choose to meet in person, but if so, whenever possible participants should offer the meeting also in Zoom (or similar program) to include all members who may not feel safe or be at risk.
4. Face coverings and social distancing are not required in both indoor and outdoor settings when everyone present is fully vaccinated.
5. Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering, we should be supportive of participants who choose to wear a face covering.
6. When meeting in-person where everyone present is **not** fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. At outdoor gatherings unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering
7. Each group leader must keep a list of all attendees to a function for two weeks for contact tracing should an outbreak happen.
8. Sanitizer will be made available at each meeting/gathering, provided by the host.
9. No coffee or refreshments will be made available; however, people may bring their own beverages and meal, if appropriate.
10. When there is a gathering, we will honor any additional safety guidelines set up by the host facility.

