



COVID Policy

Effective August 16, 2021

Preamble

The Board of Directors recognizes that, in terms of the transmissibility of Covid, singing is a potentially risky behavior. Thus, the Board is motivated to do that which it can to create and maintain the safest possible environment for singers and paid musicians, including soloists and orchestra members (“Participants”). As safety recommendations and policies are constantly evolving due to the nature of and continued persistence of the Coronavirus, this policy is subject to change. The Board will actively monitor CDC guidelines and recommendations as they are issued to determine if changes to this policy are needed.

These guidelines are primarily meant as a tool for creating as safe a singing environment as possible for the benefit of our members. We deeply regret that it may not be possible for every voice to join The Choristers this year and look forward to a time where these policies may no longer be required. The Choristers is a private entity that reserves the right to deny participation by those who are unable, for whatever medical, religious, or personal reason, to abide by the policies listed below.

Vaccination

All Participants must be fully vaccinated prior to participation. The Choristers defers to the CDC and the individual vaccine manufacturers in the definition of “fully vaccinated,” and requires that each participant research and abide by the guidelines set by these entities.

Proof of Vaccination Status

All Participants will provide proof of their vaccination status by bringing a vaccination card to their first rehearsal or presenting an image of their vaccination record on their phone. Emailed vaccination records will not be accepted. The Choristers will not be responsible for maintaining any images of your vaccination records. The Choristers will deny entry to a rehearsal until such a time as a Participant is able to present their vaccination record for review by a member of The Choristers Board.

Masks

At the present time, the choir will require the wearing of masks. Singers masks must be worn at all times at rehearsal. Masks must be concert black. Further information will be provided to singers about recommended masks, but each singer is responsible for acquiring their own mask as soon as possible.

Social Distancing

The Choristers will make every effort to allow for moderate additional distancing between singers during rehearsals.

Illness

General Illness: Should a Participant experience illness during the rehearsal season, it is required that that Participant refrain from attending rehearsal until their illness has passed. It is each Participant's responsibility to use their best judgement in making these decisions. The Board recognizes this policy will likely have an effect on overall attendance. In consultation with the Artistic Director and Associate Director, the Board will take this into consideration when evaluating the attendance record of a singer. We ask that singers recognize the importance of attending rehearsals even if one is tired/etc. and make every effort to not schedule optional personal appointments on Friday night.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 result: Should a Participant have or suspect contact with an individual who has tested positive, or should a Participant experience symptoms of COVID-19, that Participant is required to get a COVID-19 test to continue singing. In the event of a positive test, please contact the President of the Board, Maggie Hasani, as soon as possible. Following guidelines from the CDC, the Board will advise the rest of the choir about potential contact and advise all Participants to seek testing. The Choristers' Board will handle any positive cases on a case-by-case basis, following CDC recommendations around appropriate quarantining periods, negative testing, and returning to sing in the choir. The Choristers reserves the right to deny return to any Participant who has missed too many rehearsals due to illness and quarantining.

If you have any questions about the above policy, please contact the President of the Board, Maggie Hasani, at President@TheChoristers.org. All inquiries sent to the Artistic Director will be forwarded to Maggie for resolution.