

Singing is the easiest way for respiratory diseases to spread. The health and safety of the members of the Chorus is a major concern for the Board as well as for everyone involved in the Chorus. We must trust in one another to act sensibly and always with the better good of all in mind. These are basic guidelines that we believe will aid in keeping all of us safer and able to have a better choral experience. We are not requiring any enforcement measures, though, beyond a system of personal honor, respect, and belief in one another's best intention for all.

Seating for all rehearsals will be spaced with a minimum of one chair between every singer and one empty row between parts. Likewise, there should be an additional two chairs or more between each section.

All rehearsals will be recorded on Zoom and made available to singers for two weeks after the rehearsal date. This will allow anyone who needs to miss a rehearsal, for whatever reason, the ability to review what was covered and have an additional learning tool.

- 1) We ask that at the beginning of each semester all persons involved in the Chorus have the most recent vaccination and/or booster against covid and/or the flu as they are medically able to receive.
- 2) For tech weeks and performance weekends, that everyone involved in the production of the concert do an 'at home' covid test before the Monday rehearsal and before the first concert. A test should be repeated before each following week's concert group.
- 3) If at any time during the rehearsal or performance period a member begins to experience cold/flu/or covid-like symptoms, they must test as soon as possible.
 - a. During the rehearsal period: Notify your section leader and the conductor, stay home, zoom into rehearsal, and test.
 - i. A positive test, please follow standard CDC guidance. You must stay home, and you must test negative before returning to sing.
 - ii. A negative test but still feeling ill, stay home and follow rehearsal on zoom. If you come to rehearsal anyway, you must be masqued and sit behind and away from the body of the singers. You really should not come to rehearsal if you are feeling ill.
 - b. During the concerts: Notify your section leader and the conductor asap, test and stay home. Do not come to sing. We do not sing concerts in masques.
 - c. Anytime someone tests positive, notify the President, the Conductor, and your section leader (in that order). Everyone will be asked to monitor and test before coming to the next rehearsal which will be a masked rehearsal regardless of negative test results.

If we all follow these guidelines, stay vigilant and not deny to ourselves or anyone else when we are feeling ill, we, hopefully, will avoid yet another devastating outbreak in our ranks.