

Cincinnati Youth Choir

Corona Virus Protocol for Rehearsal and Performance 2020-2021 Performance Season

(September 3, 2020)

The following protocols will be implemented by Artistic and Administrative Staff as CYC moves to in-person rehearsals and performances. These will be carried out by all staff and volunteers and will be shared with visiting artists, as applicable, during the COVID-19 pandemic. All protocols prioritize safety and well-being of singers and families, volunteers, and patrons and are based on guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC. Amendments will be made as warranted.

These protocols will remain in effect until our area enters a Green Rating, as defined by the Ohio Department of Health.

Objectives

1. To provide a safe environment, as much as possible, while adhering to state and university health guidelines
2. To model health conscious behavior to members and the community while maintaining artistic integrity and educational standards

Singers and Staff

- Indoor in-person rehearsals will be limited to a small number of people based on research and analysis of the space in use. UC and other public spaces, such as places of worship, will dictate the number of singers in a room and we will be knowledgeable about the exchange of air/ventilation in the space. CYC will be informed of specifics from the venue and will meet or exceed guidelines.
- Outdoor in-person rehearsals will be limited to 20 with appropriate spacing.
- All in-person rehearsals will require everyone in attendance to wear a mask.
- For contact tracing purposes, each small group will be assigned by the director and consist of the same individuals, no mixing.
- A photo will be taken of the group, spaced, during rehearsal, to help track attendance.
- Each participant must take their temperature prior to rehearsal and show no signs of Covid-19 symptoms listed below:
 - Fever
 - Shortness of breath
 - Coughing
 - Loss of taste/smell
- Anyone displaying or reporting symptoms of the virus or of any illness is not permitted to participate in-person.

- All in-person rehearsals will be optional and a virtual equivalent will be offered.
- In the event a singer, staff, or volunteer contracts Covid-19, they must inform CYC. CYC will honor the confidentiality of the person and family but will share anonymous and appropriate information with those present so self quarantine may be implemented. The staff member or the singer/family will be asked to be absent from CYC until they are symptom-free (without the aid of medication) for at least 72 hours and for a total of no less than 14 days.
- Families of children in the impacted choir(s) will be asked to do the same. Rehearsals of that particular group will be virtual for the following 2 weeks.
- All singers, staff and volunteers are required to sign the CYC waiver form and accept the risks of rehearsing and performing.

Indoor Facilities

- If other than space on UC campus, permission from the owner of the venue must be obtained in advance.
- The rehearsal space should either have been cleaned or have been unused for 24 hours before the event, including a designated bathroom.
- The space should allow for good ventilation/air circulation.
- Bathroom use must be limited and reserved for emergencies only. Singers and attendees must be alerted to plan accordingly.
- Hand sanitizer must be available to all participants and used upon arrival.
- Rehearsals in person will last no more than 30 minutes. The room must be cleared for at least 30 minutes in between groups.
- Chairs, if used, must be wiped down with sanitizer before each rehearsal and spaced no less than 6 feet apart, avoiding multiple rows.
- The conductor must be no less than 12 feet from the front row of singers.
- No music may be shared.
- If a percussion instrument is played, it must be assigned to one singer throughout the time singing that piece.

Outdoor Facilities

- If other than space on UC campus, permission from the owner of the venue must be obtained in advance.
- The space may be covered but should allow for good ventilation/air circulation with at least two open walls, if not 3, or be very large (like a parking garage)
- Bathroom use must be limited and reserved for emergencies only and may not be available depending on location. Singers and attendees must be alerted to plan accordingly.
- Hand sanitizer must be available to all participants and used upon arrival.
- Rehearsals in person will last no more than 30 minutes. The outdoor space must be cleared for at least 5 minutes in between groups.
- If chairs are used, singers must bring their own.
- Spots must be clearly marked for where to stand and assigned to a specific person.
- No music may be shared.

- If a percussion instrument is played, it must be assigned to one singer throughout the time singing that piece.

On-site Behavior

- Parents must remain outside of rehearsal building while following CDC social distancing guidelines. Choir managers or staff will walk students to the appropriate door for parents to pick up their children.
- Singers must physically distance when entering the building
 - 6 feet entering and exiting the building
 - 6 feet on either side during singing
 - 10 feet in front of each participant while singing, including distance to the conductor
- Masks must be worn at all times, even during rehearsals. At a time when official restrictions are lessened or the region CYC includes attains a green rating in Ohio, mask usage will be reevaluated.
- Singers must avoid all physical contact, face the director while singing, and avoid gathering in circles to socialize.
- No sharing music or pencils.
- Conductors and pianists must be no less than 12 feet away from the first row of singers.