

Cincinnati Youth Choir

Corona Virus Protocol and Waiver for Rehearsals and Performances

2021-2022 Season

(June 9, 2021)

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, as we start to come out of the Covid-19 pandemic. All protocols prioritize safety and well-being of singers and families, volunteers, and patrons and align with the Ohio Department of Health, the CDC, and UC Campus. **Amendments will be made as warranted.**

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 a limited 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 that based on CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines.
- All in-person rehearsals for Piccolo Coro, Vivace, & Allegro will require every singer in attendance to wear a mask. Singers who are in Con Brio, Bel Canto & Voci who have been fully vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask. Singers in Con Brio, Bel Canto, & Voci who have not been fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask. To better serve our singers, and because our CYC staff is all fully vaccinated, we will not be wearing masks during rehearsals, performances, or events. As we get closer to Fall we will update you on any protocols revisions.
- Each participant must take their temperature prior to rehearsal and show no signs of Covid-19 symptoms: 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.
- 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 3 days.
- Families of children in the impacted choir(s) will be asked to do the same.

- 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 space should allow for good ventilation/air circulation.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to all participants.
- Chairs, if used, must be wiped down with sanitizer before each rehearsal and spaced no less than 6 feet apart.
- No music may be shared at this time.
- 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)
- Hand sanitizer will be available to all participants.
- Spots must be clearly marked for where to stand and assigned to a specific person.
- No music may be shared at this time.
- 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 buildings 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 and remain 6 feet apart on either side during singing
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- No sharing music or pencils at this time.
- Conductors and pianists will be no less than 12 feet away from the first row of singers.



**WAIVER, RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND
HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

In consideration for receiving permission to participate in certain activities of the Cincinnati Youth Choir (“The Choir”), including but not limited to rehearsals, performances, meetings, recording sessions, and educational activities which may occur following the date hereof (the “Activity”), I the undersigned (hereinafter “I/Me”) agree to execute this WAIVER, RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”), and hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS The Choir, its officers, directors, contractors, and volunteers, volunteers meaning, but not necessarily including, all of the following: choir members, their families, ushers, and other non-paid individuals under the direction of The Choir, (herein referred to collectively as the “Releasees”) FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, CLAIMS OR DEMANDS FOR PHYSICAL ILLNESS OR INJURIES, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by Me during the Activity.

Despite precautions taken by Me or by The Choir, transmission of illness can occur. I understand the Activity may include Me being in proximity to other individuals which may be potentially dangerous. I assume all risks related to my participation in the Activity including if as a result I become ill or injured.

I understand my safety is dependent upon my own actions and I will take all necessary or recommended health precautions. If I am ill or demonstrating symptoms of illness, including but not limited to a fever, I will not participate in the Activity, and I will notify The Choir’s representatives, including if I have participated in an Activity and become ill subsequently.

It is my express intent that this Agreement shall bind the members of my family, heirs, assigns and personal representatives, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio, and I consent to the jurisdiction of state and federal courts within Ohio.

In signing this WAIVER, RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, I acknowledge and represent that I have read the foregoing in its entirety; and that I understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed.

Signature: (Parent’s signature if under 18) _____

Printed Name: _____

Singer’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____