



CCC COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines (as of January 2, 2022)

The Coppell Community Chorale at its core is a resilient organization of singers and volunteers who value music, performance and their choir family so highly that the unthinkable was accomplished - the Chorale came together to put on NINE choral concerts during a global pandemic (March 2020 - December 2021).

While the 2021-2022 season holds its own unique challenges as the pandemic continues, the lessons learned from 2020 only serve to make us stronger as a choir family and better as a performing arts organization. As things will certainly continue to change and we have exhibited the ability pivot and adjust in order to continue to navigate unprecedented obstacles, we optimistically enter 2022 with a community mindset.

From March 2020 - December 2021, the Chorale had zero incidents of community spread despite a sprinkling of Covid cases in our midst, and now we enter 2022 with a 95%+ reported vaccination rate of all registered members and staff. It is with this knowledge that we are a community with a common goal - performing great music together - that the Covid Team has developed risk mitigation guidance for rehearsals.

Lastly, please know while we can mitigate risk, it cannot be completely eliminated and all participants take on the responsibility of that risk when they join the choir. Once again we ask for patience and flexibility from all members, staff, volunteers and patrons.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

6:00 - 6:30	Sectionals (on selected dates)
6:30 - 6:50	Members arrive
6:50 - 7:30	CCC Rehearsal in Main Hall
7:30 - 7:40	BREAK in Lobby
7:45 - 8:15	CCC Rehearsal in Main Hall
8:15 - 8:30	Announcements/Transition
8:30 - 9:15	Variations Rehearsal in Main Hall (Ensemble rotation to be established at a later date)

Covid-19 Rehearsal Protocols:

- Waiver required for all members and staff before or at their first rehearsal.
- No weekly Health Screener Required - but stay home if you display any Covid-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 since the last rehearsal.
- The Attendance Policy will be flexible, but communication with section leaders is imperative and multiple absences require Board President and/or Director approval.
- **Masks are strongly recommended for ALL members regardless of vaccination status. Masks are required to rehearse on the stage.**
- Rehearsal seating will be assigned for contact tracing purposes.
- Air purifiers will be used on stage periodically during rehearsals.
- Variations members are encouraged, but not required to perform with the full Chorale during the Spring Semester. Semester Dues will remain the same either way.

- Concert Covid Protocols and Guidelines will be established and distributed closer to concert date.

Risk Mitigation Guidelines for Rehearsals*:

*These guidelines are subject to change as new guidance is presented by local, state or federal authorities, The Community Covid-19 Risk Level for Dallas County changes, or the Vaccination Rate for the Chorale goes below 90%. Please read your newsletter for updates.

MASKS: Following guidance from the CDC and the International Coalition Performing Arts Aerosol Study, **the Coppell Community Chorale recommends and strongly encourages all Chorale members, staff, volunteers and other participants to wear a mask during indoor events and rehearsals.** As a community arts organization partially sustained by the city of Coppell and public funding, we follow city guidance and protocols when establishing masking requirements. The city does not currently have a mask mandate.

NOTE: during rehearsal, the stage will be designated as a "MASK ONLY" zone. Anyone wanting to rehearse without a mask will be provided alternate seating in the hall.

SIX FEET OF SEPARATION: Following the guidance from the CDC and the Dallas County Covid-19 Health Guidance publication (December, 2021), the Coppell Community Chorale recommends and strongly encourages all Chorale members, staff, volunteers and other participants to keep a distance of six-feet from others during indoor events and rehearsals to reduce the risk of spread. As stated above, seating during rehearsals will be a minimum of 3 feet apart (following the International Coalition Performing Arts Aerosol Study recommendation) but preferences to be more than 6 feet away can and will be accommodated upon request from the member.

TIME LIMITS: Following the International Coalition Performing Arts Aerosol Study recommendation, the Chorale will rehearse no longer than 45 minutes without a break or move to a different rehearsal space. This modification can be seen in the schedule above.

PARTICIPANT LIMIT: In the 2020-2021 season, ensemble participants were limited to facilitate six feet of separation during rehearsals and performances. The 2022 Spring Semester will see rehearsals utilizing a larger portion of the hall and modifying its standing arrangement for performance as we get closer to the concert date.

VIRTUAL CHOIR: The Chorale will not be offering virtual option this semester. All members will participate in-person the entire semester.

SOURCES:

[International Coalition Performing Arts Aerosol Study](#)

[American Guild of Musical Artists Emergency Guidance on Omicron Surge](#)

[CDC - Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#)

[CDC - How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)

[CDC - Families with Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Members](#)

[Dallas County Covid-19 Updated Health Guidance for the Public \(December 2021\)](#)

[Dallas County Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Updates and Information](#)

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