

Chester River Chorale
Covid Guidelines, August 2021

So we can reopen safely for the Fall 2021 Semester, the Chester River Chorale (CRC) will follow guidance from expert organizations such as the CDC, the Kent County Health Department, and national choral organizations such as Chorus America.

The Chester River Chorale will require the following of all members:

1. All members, contractors, and guest artists are required to be fully vaccinated according to the CDC definition¹ before participating in any in-person CRC activities.
 - a. Singers will be asked to present their Covid vaccination card at their first rehearsal.
 - b. CRC reserves the right to engage a 3rd-party vaccination verification service.
 - c. CRC reminds all members that falsifying a vaccine card is a federal crime.²
2. CRC members and staff are expected to monitor their own health and must not attend rehearsals or performances if they are displaying any signs of illness, including but not limited to the CDC's list of Covid-19 symptoms.³
3. CRC members and staff must not attend rehearsals or performances if they have had a recent positive Covid-19 test. Once 10 days have passed since the positive test, members may resume activities.⁴
4. All CRC members and staff will be required to sign a statement agreeing to the above and acknowledging personal risk.
5. Singers are encouraged to monitor their home county risk level via the Covid Act Now site⁵, and should not attend rehearsals unless their home county is low risk (green).

CRC will take the following steps to ensure everyone's continued safety:

1. Section leaders will take attendance at each rehearsal
2. Hand sanitizer will be provided at all rehearsals.
3. Chairs will be spaced wider than they have in past years.
4. Any singers who choose to do so may wear a mask. CRC recommends using a special singers' mask.⁶

The Chorale Board will monitor local and regional case rates via the Covid Act Now site⁷, which aggregates CDC, U.S. Department of Health, and community data. CRC will not meet for in person activities until the Kent County risk level is low (green).

If the Board makes any changes to the above procedures or Chorale rehearsal and concert schedules, the Board will promptly communicate such changes to the membership.

Approved by the Chester River Chorale Board July 20th, 2021; updated August 30th, 2021.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

² <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2021/PSA210330>

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>

⁵ <https://covidactnow.org/?s=22241150>

⁶ <https://www.mymusicfolders.com/product/resonance-singers-mask-with-disposable-biofilters/>

⁷ https://covidactnow.org/us/maryland-md/county/kent_county/?s=22241150