

Chicago Master Singers

COVID-19 Health and Safety Policies and Protocols

As of June 4, 2021

At Chicago Master Singers, the safety and well-being of our singers and patrons are always our first priority. As the Covid-19 pandemic evolves, we will continue to follow at minimum the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization and will work in coordination with our local partners at the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services.

Ensemble singing is a community event. Listed below are the shared expectations that will allow us to resume in-person singing.

CMS will put measures into place to provide a safe environment for singing, but cannot guarantee it. Measures may include, but not be limited to:

- Encourage hand hygiene throughout rehearsals by providing hand sanitizer.
- Set up chairs at a recommended safe distance prior to each rehearsal.
- Maximize ventilation by opening windows and doors where available.
- Encourage physical distancing during breaks and in restrooms.

CMS members will follow CDC-recommended measures including but not limited to:

- Review CDC screening checklist on Singers' page prior to each rehearsal.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- If symptomatic or in quarantine, stay home and participate in rehearsals virtually until the end of the quarantine or isolation period.
- Wear a mask over the mouth and nose at all times when inside Countryside Church, including before and after rehearsals, as well as for the entirety of every rehearsal and performance. If interested in a singer's mask, some suggestions are [JW Pepper](#), [Resonance Singer's Mask](#), or [Notable Mask](#)
- Maintain the recommended physical distance at all times. Do not move chairs from where they are placed.
- Water bottles must be able to be used without mask removal (e.g. straw).

This document will be modified as needed as new guidance is released by CDC and IDPH.