

# Chicago Master Singers

## COVID-19 Health and Safety Policies and Protocols

### Effective 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.

## Policy Revision Effective September 1, 2021

Chicago Master Singers has revised its COVID-19 Health & Safety Policy and Protocols to include a vaccination requirement, as shown directly below. All other elements of this Policy (e.g., hand hygiene, masking, etc.) remain the same.

Chicago Master Singers will require either proof of a COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test within the past three days or rapid antigen test within the past six hours) for anyone to participate in rehearsals, concerts, and other CMS events. In addition, the same policy will apply to all concert attendees to be permitted entry into the concert facility.

- **PROOF OF VACCINATION:** A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after receipt of a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) or Moderna vaccine, or two weeks after receipt of the single dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. If third doses or boosters are recommended, Chicago Master Singers will follow any updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance.

The physical vaccination card or a photo of the vaccination card must be presented. If a photo is presented, it must clearly show the entire front of the card. Proof of vaccination needs to only be presented one time for singers, but must be presented each time for audience members.

- **PROOF OF NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST:** If not fully vaccinated, a printed or digital negative test result (PCR or Antigen) must be presented prior to each rehearsal, concert, or other CMS event. All tests must be administered by a medical provider or pharmacy. At home testing needs to be discussed prior to acceptance of a test result.

Persons who have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be exempt from testing for 90 days after symptoms onset or positive test.