



THE SINGING CO.
OF LAPORTE COUNTY

COVID-19

2021/2022 SEASON POLICY

The health and safety of our members, staff, and volunteers is of absolute importance to us. Therefore, the Board of Directors and the Executive Director have established the following policy. The policy has been developed to facilitate a safe and efficient progression into the 2021/2022 season during the continued COVID-19 pandemic. We will also be closely following The LaPorte Community School Corp. and their policies throughout the current school year.

We have been researching how to best provide rehearsals and performances in a safe manner that is responsive to the needs of our members, staff, and volunteers. It reflects the input and involvement of the Board of Directors and Executive Director and guidance provided by the Indiana Department of Health, CDC, and Governor's Office.

The primary goal is to assist with mitigation, response, and recovery procedures associated with COVID-19. We will remain diligent with monitoring county spread levels, and response procedures for situations that rise to a level of concern will be communicated. The details of this plan are subject to change if we have an increase in positive COVID-19 cases in our choirs or as requirements are conveyed by local or federal mandates. We appreciate your continued patience, and support as we continue to navigate these circumstances.

Daily Screening

Members, Volunteers, Parents, and Staff are expected to self-screen daily. If one or more of the following symptoms exist, that cannot be explained due to a known health condition, they should not report to rehearsal or performance:

- i)A Fever of 100.4° F (or greater) and/or Chills
- ii)Cough or Shortness of Breath
- iii)Sore Throat
- iv)Muscle Pain or Headache (especially new onset of severe headache)
- v>New Loss of Taste or Smell

Masks

Masks will be recommended, not required, while indoors in Bethany Lutheran Church. Members, staff, volunteers, and visitors may choose to wear a mask during rehearsals and for performance events. Unless future mandates are passed regarding face-coverings, no one will be forced to wear a mask.

Social Distancing

Distances of three feet will be arranged in rehearsal rooms and other spaces where possible. There will be assigned seating for all choirs to assist in contact tracing. The three-foot rule continues to be the distance used to determine close contact during contact tracing.

Vaccinations

The decision to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 remains a personal choice, and will NOT be required for members, staff, or volunteers.

Personal Health Habits

We know now more than ever the importance of good hygiene and a healthy routine. Regular hand washing and avoiding touching of the face, eyes, nose, and mouth are important measures to help mitigate the spread of germs. Sanitizing stations will be available in Bethany Lutheran Church's facilities. Additionally, getting restful sleep, regular exercise, and maintaining a healthy diet can aid in a productive immune system.

Response

Monitoring of LaPorte County active COVID-19 Cases:

- a. Active cases and the spread of COVID-19 will be monitored.
- b. Consultation will occur with the Board of Directors and the Executive Director if cases rise to a level of concern for a particular choral group.
- c. Data regarding cases will be shared on The Singing Co. website.
- d. Please continue to advise the Music Director if you (the member) or your child (the member) receives a positive test and must quarantine.

Close Contacts and Quarantine

If a member, volunteer, or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, we will continue to contact trace. We will also maintain assigned seating during all rehearsals. This will assist with tracing close contact. The methods applied to close contact tracing are determined by the most recent guidance from the Indiana Health Department. Currently, the ruling is that a close contact would be someone who is not vaccinated and was within six feet of a positive case for at least 15 minutes. Those considered a close contact who have been vaccinated will not be required to quarantine. Close contacts who have not been vaccinated will need to quarantine according to the following guidelines:

- Individuals tested on or after day 5 and received a negative result may return on Day 7.
- Individuals who have NOT tested and are NOT experiencing symptoms may return on Day 10.
- Individuals who have NOT tested and are experiencing symptoms may return on Day 14 provided that symptoms have improved and fever has abated for 24 hours without medication.