

Raise Your Voice Choir COVID-19 Policy

In Person Rehearsals

Commencing: 28th July 2021

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Introduction

'Raise Your Voice Choir - COVID-19 Policy' outlines the risks and expectations when returning to an in-person rehearsal from 28th July 2021.

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"Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Most infected people will develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalisation.

Most common symptoms:

- fever.
- dry cough.
- tiredness."
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(WHO - World Health Organisation)

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Raise Your Voice Choir will be following the latest government guidance when returning to in-person rehearsals to ensure we (members & team) are reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Government Update - 19th July:

England moved to step 4 of the roadmap on 19 July and most restrictions have been lifted. What can my group do?

DCMS have confirmed with us that as per previous announcements:

- There will be no limits on the number of people that can gather to rehearse indoors or outdoors. This includes choirs.
- The need to socially distance has been removed.

However, the move to step 4 and easing of restrictions does not mean risk of Covid has disappeared, and groups will still need measures in place to ensure they are providing a safe environment.

<https://www.makingmusic.org.uk/resource/can-group-get-back-in-person>

Who is at risk?

Members

Director

Members of Public also using the site

Steps taken to ensure a safe rehearsal:

Raise Your Voice Choir rehearsals may be cancelled at any time if government guidance changes.

Rehearsals may also be cancelled if the Director develops COVID-19 symptoms or is asked to isolate. Members will be entitled to a full refund.

Members **must not** attend a rehearsal if you or your household are experience any symptoms of COVID-19, including a fever, a continuous cough or a loss or change to your smell or taste.

Members **must not** attend if asked to self isolate (via NHS Track and Trace App/ if in contact with a positive case)

- Rehearsals must be booked online via www.raiseyourvoicechoir.com before attending
- • The social distance is 1 metre is encouraged
- If queuing members must maintain social distance.
- Hand sanitiser will be provided and can be used upon entry/
- A Raise Your Voice QR Code will be available to scan for NHS Track & Trace.
- Members must not attend a rehearsal if you or your household are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, including a fever, a continuous cough or a loss or change to your smell or taste.
- Members must minimise personal belongings brought into the rehearsal room.
- Refreshments will not be provided. Members may bring a drink if they require.
- Sheet music & lyrics will not provided. Members may print at home using our 'Members Hub' or access online via their tablet or phone.
- Members are encouraged to wear a mask when moving around the space.
- Members must leave immediately and follow government guidance if they develop COVID-19 symptoms throughout the rehearsal.
- Chairs must not be moved by members.
- The Director will ensure the space is set up appropriately before the rehearsal begins.
- The Director will ensure the space is sufficiently ventilated before the rehearsal begins.

Members will be contacted by the Director and Track and Trace if an attending member tests positive following an in-person. Guidance from Public Health England must be adhered to.

All information and guidance is correct as of July 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky at contact@raiseyourvoicechoir.com.