

Victoria Children's Choir Return to Singing Covid-19 Safety Plan for Members



Overview & Purpose

Victoria Children's Choir (VCC) has created this Return to Singing plan for restarting operations to inform all participants, staff, parents/guardians, venues and volunteers about the policies and procedures in place to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and maintain a safe and healthy environment for all during the COVID-19 pandemic. This plan is approved by our Board of Directors and each facility that we partner with in the community.

This plan adheres to the following guidelines:

BC Centre for Disease Control

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/community-settings/choirs-and-bands>

2. Guidelines from The Coalition of Music Educators BC

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KG2rE1rU-NENxbQsuYN20xnM9TBlNn3Z/view?fbclid=IwAR11qY5vNlykMeDkH7aud5NFcJ4aYDo7OOuTRm7fwxBiT27mmNAEP_8BaA

Responsibilities

VCC Board of Directors	Members	Staff/Volunteers
• Create and maintain Return to Singing Plan • Monitor Updates to Local and Provincial Guidelines • Ensure choirs are supported to follow the return plan and stay safe	• Review and understand the Return to Singing Plan and its components • Support the VCC staff in adhering to this plan	• Recognize the requirement to follow this plan in order to maintain our facility contracts and sing in-person • Be aware that this plan is fluid and will change as our Provincial Guidelines change • Support choirs to follow Return Plan at all times

		• Participant screening (Choir manager) • Attendance Tracking (Choir Manager) • Physical Distancing (All Staff)
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Transitional Measures

Arrival	During Rehearsal	Departure
• Arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to rehearsal • Water bottle must be pre-filled • Meet your Manager at the designated entrance door prior to entry and confirm attendance. • Answer the Covid-19 screening questions and hand sanitize prior to entering the building. • Parents will not be permitted inside the rehearsal venues at this time. • Follow one way markings/arrows	• Groups of choristers will not exceed 20 children at this time • Upon entering the rehearsal venue, choristers must go directly to their designated seat in the choir room • Masks must be worn at all times except while singing • Physical distancing must be observed at all times • Only one person may use a washroom at a time. Staff must clean washrooms after each use. • No sharing of music, water bottles, snacks etc. • No kitchen facilities or water fountains will be used at any time	• Depart the building as soon as rehearsal is completed. • Follow one way markings/arrows • Sign-out with your Manager outside of the building at the designated exit • Parents must make visual contact with our choir manager before we will release each child (Prelude and Recital choirs only)

Member Return to Singing Agreement

To be completed for each participant prior to the start of the season: <https://forms.gle/JVPrvDEDfKK8yUTG6>

Stay Away When Sick

No chorister, staff, or volunteer should attend a VCC rehearsal, event or facility if they are unwell. The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other respiratory illnesses including the flu and common cold. All members are advised to stay at home if they are feeling unwell.

If they start experiencing symptoms while at an event, they must:

- isolate themselves from others immediately
- notify their manager
- excuse themselves from the event as soon as possible

Members who start displaying respiratory symptoms should use the BC COVID 19 self- assessment tool and follow all instructions provided.

Return to Singing after Illness

Members can return to in-person rehearsals 10 days after all symptoms have resolved. If a member tests positive for COVID-19, they can return to in-person rehearsals only after clearance from a physician. On-line rehearsals will be available for all choirs.

Failure to comply

Failure to comply with the VCC Covid Return Plan and/or Facility Specific Guidelines will result in immediate removal from the event.

Participants or members failing to comply will be reported to the Board of Directors. Repeated failure to comply with direction may result in suspension from VCC events.

Be Kind, Be Calm and Be Safe

Let's all do what we can to allow our children to get back to singing, be safe and have fun!!