

## **Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale COVID-19 Protocols and Waiver**

The Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale considers that the safety of its members, staff and audiences is its highest priority, and is guided by the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and the State of Illinois and DuPage County Departments of Health, as well as the best practices and research provided by choral agencies such as Chorus America and the American Choral Directors Association.

In order to register and participate in live, in-person rehearsals and performances in the 2021-2022 season, all members must be **Fully Vaccinated**. Full Vaccination occurs 14 days after you have received the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine or 14 days after you have received the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. At the time of registration, you will be required to provide Linda DeRaad with a copy of your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card as proof of Full Vaccination. The card will not be shared with anyone else in the Chorale.

If you are not Fully Vaccinated, you may register and participate remotely in a livestream of each rehearsal (similar to our Zoom rehearsals during the 2020-2021 season). There is a possibility that members who are not Fully Vaccinated may be able to participate in the live concerts in December as CDC and state and local health department guidance continues to evolve with changing circumstances (see the "Modifications" section below). However, there is no guarantee that this will happen.

### **COVID-19 Exposure Response Plan**

If you participate in live, in-person rehearsals and performances, and are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, including a high fever, do not participate in the Chorale's activities. Fully Vaccinated members may return to rehearsal once they no longer experience these symptoms, if they have not tested positive for COVID-19.

**If you have been exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case outside of a rehearsal setting (whether or not you have symptoms), notify Linda DeRaad (linders1950@comcast.net; 630- 272-9367).**

- If you were exposed to COVID-19 prior to your attendance at a rehearsal, we will notify participants who were at that rehearsal (without identifying you by name), and recommend testing if you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Fully Vaccinated members may participate in future rehearsals or performances if they are not experiencing symptoms.

**If you have tested positive COVID-19, please notify Linda DeRaad.** We will comply with public health responses and notify everyone who was at any rehearsals that might have had risk of exposure (without identifying you by name). Before attending a future in-person rehearsal, you will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test. Depending on timing and circumstances of an exposure, we might cancel the next rehearsal(s) or hold it/them virtually.

### **Protocols**

Hand sanitizer and limited disposable masks will be available at rehearsals.

No sharing of water bottles, sheet music, pencils or food (except with Chorale Members from the same household).

The washrooms on the west side of the first floor at College Church will be available for use. You are asked to use any disinfectant wipes provided by the Church to clean any surfaces you've touched. Rehearsal duration may be limited, depending on the level of risk posed to participating members and State of Illinois guidelines. This time will include time that is spent singing, and other non-singing time for listening to musical direction and discussion.

**Masking and Social Distancing Requirements**

Fully Vaccinated members may, but are not required to, wear a mask during rehearsals. If you plan to wear a mask during rehearsals, consider purchasing a Voice Mask.

Maintain any physical distancing requirements for each rehearsal at all times. Seating arrangements during full Chorale Rehearsals may be staggered, and singers will not directly face each other.

**Modifications.** The protocols and vaccination requirements will continue to adapt and accommodate:

- Changes to the number of COVID-19 infections in the State of Illinois or DuPage County or the rate of increase of infections;
- New variants against which current vaccines are not as effective;
- Changes to the public health mandates and guidelines;
- Presence of COVID-19 exposure within the Chorale;
- Changes to the risk tolerance of singers; or
- New information on best practices of singing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Waiver**

I agree to follow the Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale's COVID-19 protocols and would like to proceed with choral activities on the basis outlined above. I understand that participation in in-person rehearsals is not mandatory for GEWC members in the 2021-22 season, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, and I am participating voluntarily with full knowledge of the health risks and dangers presented by COVID-19, which can be serious and in some cases fatal.

I understand that the Board of Directors is following Federal, State and DuPage County health guidelines and that the Chorale is taking all reasonable precautions to ensure a safe environment. There are no guarantees that I may not come in contact with COVID-19 and I acknowledge that I might be at higher risk of contracting COVID-19 by participating in choral activities. I agree to hold harmless board of directors, staff and College Church management for any possible exposure that may occur as a result of participation in Chorale activities.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_