



Oakville Choral's COVID-19 Policy

Dear Oakville Choral and Mozart Project participants:

To minimize the health risks for our guest artists, artistic staff, choristers, and concert attendees during in-person rehearsals and the concert this April 2022, the Oakville Choral (OC) Board of Directors updated the following COVID-19 policy March 17, 2022.

While the provincial guidelines for COVID restrictions continue to relax, OC is taking a more conservative policy approach as the use of wind instruments and choral singing may pose a higher risk to contracting COVID-19. OC will continue to evaluate this policy and provide updates as we prepare for in-person rehearsals and the concert in April.

To participate in the in-person rehearsals and concert April 2022, the following will be required:

- Proof of vaccination and proof of identity (Government approved documentation). Please bring vaccination record (minimum of 2 vaccinations required) and one piece of identity to the first rehearsal Tuesday April 5, 2022. If not vaccinated, please provide written medical exemption.
- Prior to each in-person rehearsal please complete the COVID screening protocol.
 - Choir members should not come to practice, if they or anybody in their household (i) have COVID, (ii) have any COVID symptoms (such as fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, decrease of loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea) and/or are waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms, (iii) have travelled outside the country within the past 14 days and been told to quarantine, or (iv) have had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID within the past 10 days (see appendix 1).
- Choir members are required to wear masks throughout the rehearsals and maintain appropriate physical distance (where possible) from others at all times. We will not be masked during the performance April 30. Masks may be temporarily removed to consume a beverage. OC will provide a reusable Mask with the Rapid Antigen test screening package (see below). Please bring this mask to each of the remaining rehearsals and concert.
- 24 hrs prior to each in-person rehearsal, please complete a Rapid Antigen test. You will be given 2 Rapid Antigen test packages. This is enough for the five rehearsals and repeat tests if necessary. The instructions for completing the tests are included in the package. You are not required to complete a Rapid Antigen test for the concert as you will have completed one for the dress rehearsal April 29. In the event you test positive before a rehearsal or concert, you must not attend. To return to in-person OC activity you must demonstrate that you have had 2 negative Rapid Antigen tests.

- Please check in with Sandra Litt, Christine Vernon or Barbara Nixon on April 5 and at the start of each of the remaining rehearsals and Concert to provide proof of vaccination/medical exemption (only on April 5) and confirm you completed your COVID screening and Rapid Antigen Test.
 - You can pick up Rapid Antigen Tests, Mask and a copy of this COVID Policy from Christine Vernon at 1202 Windrush Drive, Oakville. **Times for pick up:**
 - **Friday, April 1st - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Saturday April 2nd - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM or Sunday, April 3rd – 11:00 Am to 2:00 pm. If these times are not possible, please contact Christine at 905-825-3895 to make other arrangements.**

Oakville Choral Confirmation of Vaccination and Waiver

1. I, the undersigned, have been at a minimum double vaccinated against COVID-19 and received my second/third vaccination on _____.
2. I am medically exempt from COVID-19 vaccinations. Date of Approval: _____
3. I confirm that I will follow Oakville Choral’s COVID-19 policy and protocols to the best of my ability and agree to proceed with in person rehearsals, the April 30 concert and any related choir activities based on the protocol and policy outlined above. I understand that participation in in-person rehearsal and any choir activity is not mandatory for Oakville Choral members in the 2022 season, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am participating voluntarily in in-person rehearsals, the April 30 concert and any choral activities with full knowledge of the health risks and dangers presented by COVID-19, which can be serious and, in some cases, fatal.
4. I understand that the OC Board of Directors are following the noted guidelines and that they are taking all reasonable precautions to ensure a safe environment. I acknowledge that there are no guarantees that I will not come in contact with COVID-19, and I further acknowledge that I may be at higher risk of contracting COVID-19 by participating in in-person rehearsals and the in-person concert April 30 with Oakville Choral. I agree to hold harmless Chartwell Baptist Church and St. John’s United Church, its staff and facility management and the Oakville Choral Board of Directors for any possible exposure that may occur as a result of participation in in-person rehearsals, the April 30 concert and any related choir activities.

Dated at _____ on March / April _____, 2022.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____



Do you or anyone in your household have any of the following:

One or more:



Fever or chills



Shortness of breath



Cough or barking cough (croup)



Decrease or loss of smell or taste

Two or more:



Runny or stuffy nose



Headache



Extreme fatigue



Sore throat



Muscle aches or joint pain



Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea

Notes:

- Symptoms should not be related to other known causes or conditions.
- Consider symptoms in the past 5 days (if fully vaccinated or under 12 years of age) or 10 days (if not vaccinated or immune compromised), not just symptoms felt today.
- Answer "no" if you have already met criteria to leave isolation as explained at [Ontario.ca/exposed](https://ontario.ca/exposed).

Have you:



- Tested positive for COVID-19 in the past:
- **5 days** if fully vaccinated or under 12 years of age
 - **10 days** if **not fully vaccinated or immune compromised?**



- Been exposed to a household member who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past **5 days?** (or 10 days if you are over the age of 12 AND either **not fully vaccinated or immune compromised**)*



- Been told you are a "close contact" of someone who currently has COVID-19 and been advised to self-isolate?



- Traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days and been told to self-isolate?

*Notes:

- At a minimum you must self-isolate for the full duration of the isolation period of anyone with COVID-19 in your household.
- Answer "no" if you have already completed your own self-isolation due to having symptoms or testing positive.

If you answered YES to any of these questions:

- go home and self-isolate right away;
- complete the provincial, online COVID-19 self-assessment tool and follow the directions from the tool; or
- contact your primary care provider or call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for medical assessment and testing guidance.



For more information and updates on COVID-19, please visit halton.ca/COVID19.

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