



The Jacksonville Children's Chorus COVID—19 Response Plan

Healthy Hygiene Practices:

- ❖ All singers and staff will be required to wear a face mask upon arrival at check-in.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available when singers enter the building.
- ❖ We request that ALL singers come prepared with individual sized bottles of hand sanitizer, if possible.
- ❖ Food will not be allowed inside the building. Singers should eat before arrival, but may bring a personal water bottle to rehearsal.

Procedures at check-in for signs and symptoms of illness:

- ❖ All singers will have their temperature checked prior to entering the building. Volunteers will assist staff with this task.
- ❖ If any singer displays symptoms while they are within the building, they will be sent to an isolation room and guardian will be called to pick them up.
- ❖ If singer shows any sign or symptom of illness, please STAY HOME and notify staff of their absence.

Social Distancing:

General:

- ❖ This season, the JCC has downsized to facilitate optimum social distancing. This includes increased spacing, smaller groups, limited interaction, and staggered scheduling.
- ❖ There will be four choirs and two regular rehearsal sites. Each choir will have staggered start and end times. Rehearsal locations were chosen for their quality ventilation systems and large rooms where singers can maintain a distance of at least 10 feet.

Small Groups:

- ❖ Each choir will be split into small sub-groups. Singers will be assigned a specific in-person rehearsal day. Singers not able to come on their assigned day must notify the Program staff prior to the scheduled rehearsal.

- ❖ If a singer misses a rehearsal and a make up is required, it must be completed virtually via Zoom.
- ❖ Singers who are required to attend two rehearsals each week will attend one in-person rehearsal on their assigned day. The second rehearsal will be virtual via Zoom.
- ❖ Singers with health issues that cannot participate in-person may participate virtually via Zoom.
- ❖ Singers participating via Zoom must leave their video on so the conductor can see their participation. Remote participation works best when using a computer that is set up in a quiet area of your home. Singers should be able to stand and move during remote rehearsals.
- ❖ Singers must stay in their assigned rehearsal room at all times, except when using the bathroom.
- ❖ Please limit items brought from home. Only a backpack, music folder, and water bottle are needed. Please disinfect backpacks before coming to rehearsal. Music folders may not be shared. Singers must have their music folder to attend rehearsal.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures:

- ❖ All surfaces in rehearsal rooms will be disinfected before and after each rehearsal.
- ❖ Main common areas will be disinfected before and after each rehearsal.

Rehearsal Protocol:

- ❖ We will be following a 3-tiered approach for rehearsals this season. Ideally, rehearsals will be face-to-face. However, we will offer hybrid and/or virtual rehearsals as needed. This will be necessary to stay current with the health needs of our singers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The instructional model we are following comes from the American Choral Directors Association COVID-19 Response Committee and can be viewed in detail at www.acda.org.
- ❖ Exceptions will be granted to singers with health concerns who are not able to participate in face-to-face rehearsals. These singers will be required to attend virtually. Attendance standards for all rehearsals will adhere to the Member Handbook rules including, the rules on tardiness.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures:

Only singers, staff, and screened/approved volunteers will be allowed into the facility for drop-off and pick-up. Please do not congregate in the parking lot of the rehearsal facility at any time.

Guidelines for singers who are not driving themselves:

Drop-Off:

- ❖ Drop off will begin 10 minutes prior to rehearsal time.
- ❖ If arriving early, singers should wait in their vehicle.
- ❖ Starting 10 minutes prior to their scheduled rehearsal time, singers may line up six feet apart on the markers outside the building. The adult responsible for signing them in will line up with the singer.
- ❖ Each singer will be administered a COVID-19 screening in order to be cleared to enter the building for rehearsal.
- ❖ If singer is cleared for rehearsal, the responsible adult will sign them in. The singer will enter the facility and proceed directly to their rehearsal room. Once in the rehearsal room, singer will place all belongings under their assigned chair and wait at their chair until the conductor starts rehearsal.
- ❖ Singers must arrive on time according to the JCC Member Handbook or they will not be admitted into rehearsal.

Pick-Up:

- ❖ Five minutes prior to the scheduled rehearsal end time, one adult who is responsible for signing the singer out may begin lining up outside the building. Please line up six feet apart on the markers outside the building.
- ❖ When the rehearsal is done, one singer shall be released at a time.
- ❖ Please plan accordingly to arrive on time for dismissal.
- ❖ Students will not be allowed to stay past their rehearsal time due to the limited number of people allowed within the facility.

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- ❖ Singers must arrive on time according to the JCC Member Handbook or they will not be admitted into rehearsal.

Pick-Up:

- ❖ Singers will be released to their vehicle one at a time.
- ❖ Do not congregate in the parking lot after rehearsal.
- ❖ Students will not be allowed to stay past their rehearsal time due to the limited number of people allowed within the facility.

The Jacksonville Children's Chorus staff is committed to the health and safety of our singers, their families, and our community. The above guidelines have been developed in accordance with the current CDC guidelines for educational facilities. We are also incorporating practices and protocols developed specifically for youth choral instruction by the American Choral Directors Association. We will require full compliance from everyone to ensure that our 2020-2021 season is a success. We will continue to monitor developments with COVID-19 protocol and make changes as needed.