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The Flagstaff Master Chorale, Inc. Board of Directors recognizes its role and responsibilities in providing safety protocols for the members, employees, volunteers, and board of directors during the COVID-19 pandemic. The protocols developed align with direction from the Arizona Department of Health Services, Northern Arizona University Kitt School of Music, Chorus America, American Choral Directors Association, and the CDC. While the listed protocols are based on best practices and recommendations as to what will most likely reduce the chance of transmission of COVID-19, the success of these protocols depends on each individual recognizing his or her responsibility to adhere to them. Clinical evidence has shown that traditional choral settings are conducive for asymptomatic transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus through the exhalation and inhalation of virus-laden aerosols produced in the act of breathing, coughing, sneezing, talking, and singing. The Flagstaff Master Chorale, as an independent 501(c)3 organization, has taken additional steps to ensure the safety of our members, and will require all active participants to be fully vaccinated and boosted against the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Requirements for Participants of Flagstaff Master Chorale, Inc. 2022-2023 In-Person Season

- Rehearsals and performances will take place in-person and indoors.
- All participants (including the directors, accompanist, staff, and other professional guest artists) must show proof of full vaccination and up-to-date boosters before attending the first rehearsal. “Up-to-date” includes booster dose/doses as recommended for each individual by age category using current [CDC recommendations](#) (final vaccination at least 2 weeks prior to participation).
- Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID and anyone who has been exposed to COVID within the past 10 days will be required to use a KN95 or similar grade mask during rehearsal.
- Participants testing positive for COVID will adhere to [CDC guidelines](#) for quarantine, self-isolation, and masking. [Free COVID testing in Flagstaff](#)
- Master Chorale of Flagstaff will continue to align our policies with the CDC Guidelines, and update our policies based on those guidelines and Coconino County transmission.

Rehearsal Environment

- Two large air purifiers with HEPA filters (changed every 6 months) will remain in the choral room at NAU this year, running at full speed 24 hours a day. 1 filter is effective enough for the room area, but a second was installed last fall as an added precaution. The resultant air exchange rate is above the [CU-Boulder aerosol transmission study](#) threshold for music performance facilities.
- We encourage all singers to use masks (N95, KN95, and KF94) at their discretion and encourage masking if you have been in a place of high transmission.

Concert Environment

- Audiences will be encouraged to mask during concerts.
- Professional guest artists will be held to the same vaccination requirements as our singers/staff.
- Singers are welcome to sing masked at performances and are particularly encouraged to do so if any of the circumstances mentioned above apply (have been in a place of high transmission, have been exposed to COVID, etc.).

Please keep this page to refer to for protocols and return the following page before participating in Master Chorale rehearsals.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been classified by the World Health Organization as a global pandemic. COVID-19 is a new disease and scientific and medical knowledge regarding COVID-19 is limited and evolving. There remain unknowns regarding the disease and its variants. COVID-19 is reported to be highly contagious and spread easily from person to person. COVID-19 may result in serious illness, debilitating injury, or death. Older adults and people of any age, who have serious underlying medical conditions, might be at higher risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19.

Assumption of Risk for COVID-19: I understand that my participation in “in-person” Flagstaff Master Chorale, Inc. activities is voluntary and is not required. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have carefully read the above and understand the risks of COVID-19. I voluntarily assume such risks, including the risk of serious illness, debilitating injury, or death. By signing below, I further acknowledge that I understand that the risk of exposure to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 may result from the acts, omissions, or negligence of myself and others. I knowingly assume such risks, including the risk of serious illness, debilitating injury, or death.

Waiver of Liability/Hold Harmless: By signing below, I and my heirs voluntarily agree to waive and discharge any and all claims against Flagstaff Master Chorale, Inc. related to or arising out of COVID-19, and voluntarily release Flagstaff Master Chorale, Inc. from liability for any exposure to or illness or injury from COVID-19, including claims for negligent actions of Flagstaff Master Chorale, Inc.’s Board of Directors, employees, volunteers, and members, related to or arising out of COVID-19, to the fullest extent allowed by law. By signing below, I and my heirs agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Flagstaff Master Chorale, Inc. board of directors, employees, volunteers, and members from all liability claims, causes of action, or demands, including attorney fees, fines, fees, or other costs (e.g. medical costs) arising out of any exposure to or illness or injury from COVID-19.

Northern Arizona University Indemnification: Licensee (Flagstaff Master Chorale, Inc.) shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and their officers, officials, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, or expenses (including court costs, attorneys' fees, and costs of claim processing, investigation and litigation) for bodily injury or personal injury (including death). Licensee will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense and judgment costs where this indemnification is applicable. The Licensee agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and their officers, officials, agents and employees for losses arising from Licensee's performance under the Facility Use License Agreement between Northern Arizona University and the Flagstaff Master Chorale, Inc. (10/4/2018).

I certify that I have read and understand all sections of the above information, and accept and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions above.

Signature of participant

Date

Printed name of participant