

OIGC Spring 2022 Rehearsal Resumption Protocols

As we come back together in song, OIGC is committed to "caring on the side of safety." Below are our plans for the safe resumption of in-person activities. We look forward to our whole community becoming a healthier, safer place. OIGC will always strive to model best practices for singing together, and to have our genuine love and concern for one another be present and visible in everything we do.

GOAL: To resume in-person choir rehearsals safely and responsibly in preparation for in-person performances during Spring 2022 amidst the on-going pandemic. Communicate openly and regularly; Focus on facts and follow trusted professional medical guidelines. Spread Joy and Unity through our raised voices.

WHERE: All in-person locations where OIGC gathers, rehearses, and performs.

WHEN: Beginning Spring 2022, to be modified as new governmental health guidelines are issued.

PROTOCOLS:

- **Signed attestation*** of vaccination status in advance, and commitment to self-report to health@oigc.org any potential COVID exposure; subsequent promise not to attend rehearsal until negative results are provided, preferably PCR test. **Attestation provided separately, and available on Chorus Connection.*
- **Fully Vaccinated:** Due to the timing of vaccination authorization, our members will have received vaccines and boosters at different times. "Fully Vaccinated" generally means you have received both vaccine doses and, if eligible, booster shot/s. Please provide verification in advance to health@oigc.org. Come prepared with verification information to your first rehearsal to ensure your status is accurately (privately) noted in Chorus Connection.
- **Masked**, at all times. A black singer's mask, used while singing, is an addition to our uniform.
- **Sanitizer** will be available at registration and in rehearsal space.
- Emphasize **social distancing** wherever possible. Please avoid **congestion**, congregating in clusters indoors.
- We will **refrain from hugging** and other forms of close contact while in the sanctuary and in the building. Please pro-actively express your own comfort level and explicit consent for greeting fellow participants outside the venue.
- Additional **facilities protocols** (i.e., open windows, disposable mic covers) may be in effect to support our health and safety, with dedicated personnel to fulfill.

While we understand that not everyone will be able to meet these protocols, we are committed to keeping everyone's health and safety at the forefront. We are not bound by HIPPA standards, but we are bound by [OSHA workplace safety standards](#), as well as our commitment and concern for all our beloved community members

OIGC PERSONNEL AT IMANI REHEARSALS:

- *Terrance* to remain focused on Artistic Director role. This means music and limited pastoral duties.
- *Choir Leadership* to focus on Choir Member needs: Registration/attendance, dues, music questions, etc.
- *Miles* (in addition to drums,) will oversee Zoom/video streaming; and unlock/lock building.
- *Welcome Volunteer:* Welcoming members with a smile at the door and support adherence to COVID protocols.

PRACTICES: We will carry forward some of the positive activities:

- Zoom Rehearsals will continue for at least the remainder of this fiscal year.
- Continue the practice of Newbie/Olbie sharing at each rehearsal (*We are seeking a volunteer to help coordinate!*)
- Focus on our Mission: Inspiring Joy and Unity through song, with an added emphasis on doing so safely.

KEY MESSAGE: OIGC loves our community! We will always choose to protect our members and community. Our minimum standard of care for member's safety and health will be CDC and local guidelines. Our choir family and extended community includes vulnerable people, and we will not knowingly put anyone at risk. We will meet or exceed any performance venue health and safety requirements.

***We Send Love. We Send Joy. We Send Music. We Send Healing. We Send Love!
Thank you for your enthusiasm and cooperation.***