

## ***AYC COVID Mitigation Plan for In Person Rehearsals 2022-2023 - Revised 9/27/22***

Alaska Youth Choir's (AYCs) mission is to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of Juneau's youth through the developing, nurturing, and encouraging a life-long learning and love of music through choral singing. AYC is a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation.

AYC will follow all relevant guidance issued by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and CBJ EOC as mandates evolve throughout the course of the COVID pandemic. AYC will also ensure that this mitigation plan aligns with the Faith Lutheran Church COVID Operating Parameters.

All Choristers and Director will be required to sign a waiver of responsibility not holding liable AYC and Faith Lutheran Church for participation in the program.

Parents will be responsible for ensuring any choristers with symptoms are not participating in rehearsals. AYC Staff member will assist with calling family members if a chorister begins feeling unwell at practice. AYC encourages carpooling. Currently AYC does not require face masks, hand sanitation, or social distancing. This could change if future environment warrants and new mitigation plan.

Although the young and healthy may be subject to less severe cases of COVID-19, every case of this disease is potentially life-altering or deadly, particularly in those with risk factors that may occur within our communities. Health consequences may be long-standing and only apparent weeks after initial infection and recovery. Until COVID-19 is either eradicated, or a cure is found, there is no way of eliminating the risk of infection.

If AYC is informed of possible exposure to Covid at a rehearsal then the AYC board will notify the participants at that rehearsal.

- **If a Chorister or immediate family is sick do not come to rehearsal**
- **All participants have signed/submitted the Waiver (Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement) to the AYC prior to being allowed to participate.**

### **At Rehearsal:**

- **Choristers will check in with a parent safety coordinator at the door**
- **Please do not bring food to Rehearsal**

## Protective Measures/Protocols

- Parent/Guardian to notify AYC immediately if their child becomes ill and has a positive Covid Test.
- Symptoms: Any chorister, director, parent, board member and or spectator who is sick, has a persistent cough, is running a temperature or is displaying any symptoms suggesting that the individual may be ill, (from any contagious malady, including cold, flu, or suspected coronavirus) will be asked to refrain from attending rehearsal. A minor who is displaying any of these symptoms should be safely isolated until an adult responsible for the minor can remove the minor.

## Spectators

- Spectators are asked to remain quiet during rehearsal
- Please do not stay in rehearsal if feeling unwell

## In the event of an Occurrence

- If a chorister tests positive, the COVID point of contact person – Board Member Amanda Blackgoat - can be contacted and will inform within **a 24-hour period** of awareness of a confirmed positive for COVID-19 to all families of possible exposure.
- Choristers in the particular group are asked to inform AYC as soon as possible, if they become sick after participation in AYC, so that other participants can be informed that a fellow participant became sick.
- After review of situation of exposure, rehearsal maybe canceled or moved to Zoom to monitor possible infections.

IMPORTANT: We will be enforcing these safety measures in order to provide Juneau youth with year-round choral opportunities. It is noted that no singing is without risk, but it is critical for Juneau youth to have some activity during the winter months. We also want to create as safe practice environment as possible for all choristers and families.

We appreciate your cooperation in following these revised procedures as we work together to maintain the highest health and safety standards.

Questions please contact AYC  
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