

OCC's Health Protocols for the Fall 2023 season

The US Federal Government ended the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023 and the World Health Organization ended the global Public Health Emergency on May 5, 2023. While COVID is still present in our communities, CDC data shows levels and risks have been low for some time.

The Outer Cape Chorale's health protocols for the Fall 2023 season reflect these changed circumstances. Sensible health protocols will remain in place, as has always been the case.

We recognize that conditions and circumstances may change over the course of the season, and that OCC may need to adapt or update our protocols accordingly. Any such changes will be clearly communicated to all singers enrolled in the Fall 2023 season. Singers will make individual decisions regarding their ongoing participation.

Participation

- There will no longer be a requirement for singers to be vaccinated for COVID or to have received COVID boosters. Singers may participate regardless of vaccination status.
- Singers are encouraged, however, to remain up-to-date with COVID vaccination and boosters, as appropriate for their individual circumstances.

Rehearsals

- Masking is not required. Singers who wish to wear masks are welcome to do so.
- Singers must not attend rehearsals or events if:
 - they are not feeling well or experiencing COVID, cold, flu, or other symptoms, or
 - they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID.

OCC's Health Protocols for the Fall 2023 season

- Singers will inform Allison promptly by emailing info@outercapechorale.org:
 - if they become ill (including illnesses other than COVID) within 3 days of attending a rehearsal, or
 - if they learn that they were a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID during the 5-day period before attending rehearsal.
 - OCC reserves the right to inform other singers if these situations occur.
- Singers who test positive for COVID should not return to rehearsals until **both** of the following are true:
 - A rapid test shows a negative result and at least 5 days have elapsed since the first positive test, **and**
 - The singer is free from fever for at least 24 hours and any other symptoms have substantially subsided.

Upon returning to rehearsal, the singer should wear a well-fitting mask for at least one additional week.

Concerts

- Masking will not be required for singers and audience members. Anyone who wishes to wear a mask is welcome to do so.
- During performances, it is anticipated that singers will stand on choral risers and/or at floor level. Based on the layout at each venue, it is anticipated that singers will stand fairly close together. The specific arrangement will be worked out based on the space available in each venue.
- If a singer has confirmed COVID exposure within 5 days of the 12/6 dress rehearsal or the 12/8, 12/9, and 12/10 concerts, they should not attend or participate in the concerts. Please inform Allison immediately by emailing info@outercapechorale.org if this occurs. If in doubt, we ask that singers err on the side of caution and remain at home.