



BYC COVID-19 Health Policies

The health and safety of our community is our top priority. As the COVID-19 situation progresses, we will make decisions about in-person or virtual rehearsals according to recommendations from the CDC, public health officials in Washington State, the Bellevue School District, and other local children's choirs.

Currently we are planning to go ahead with in person, masked rehearsals in September.

Below are the policies agreed on by our rental home at Cross of Christ and our Board of Directors.

BYC Rehearsal Policies

- All staff are required to be vaccinated
- Eligible children (currently anyone over 12) are required to be vaccinated to participate, and must show proof of vaccination through online form
- Once younger children are eligible for the vaccine, they are required to be vaccinated to participate as well
- Everyone in the Cross of Christ building must wear a mask at all times, regardless of vaccination status
- Only staff and choristers are allowed in the building (no parents or family members may wait inside)
- Check in and check out will take place outside
- All choristers must complete a health check before entering the building
- All choristers will wash hands or use hand sanitizer before beginning rehearsal
- Windows and doors will be open for more air flow as long as weather allows
- We will take singing breaks to work on musicianship training
- Choir directors will enforce physical distancing as much as possible

Vaccinations

- All staff and eligible children are required to be vaccinated to participate
- Parents must fill out online form and upload picture of vaccination card as proof of vaccination
- BYC staff will set dates of required vaccinations depending on chorister age and eligibility.

Check-in procedure

- All students in Intermezzo, Prima, and Prelude must line up with their parent outside the front doors to complete check-in
- Premier Choristers may complete check-in on their own
- Students will be asked by a BYC staff member or volunteer about their health through a checklist of potential symptoms
- BYC staff or volunteer will mark that the student is healthy before allowing entry into the building
- No one will be allowed in the building besides BYC staff, volunteers, and choristers

Check-out procedure

- Intermezzo, Prima, and Prelude parents must park their car and walk to front of building to pick up their child
 - o A BYC staff member or volunteer will stand outside to ensure all choristers are accompanied by a parent before leaving
- Premier choristers may leave on their own

In the event of potential exposure during rehearsals

- If a chorister family learns of a potential exposure to COVID-19, they must immediately contact BYC staff, and then get tested 3-5 days after exposure
 - o BYC staff will alert families to a potential exposure
 - If there are 5 -7 days before the next rehearsal, BYC staff will alert families of potential exposure
 - If there are 4 or fewer days before the next rehearsal, BYC staff will alert families to a potential exposure and potential online / cancelled rehearsal
 - BYC staff will always keep chorister names and details confidential
 - o If the result of the test is positive, the chorister must immediately quarantine for 10 days
 - In this event, all choristers who were in rehearsal with the positive case are required to test as well
 - The rehearsal falling within this quarantine period will either be cancelled or moved online, depending on director preference
 - If all other choristers test negative, rehearsals may resume the following week
 - The positive-testing chorister may return to rehearsals 10 days after test result / onset of symptoms and 24 hours after fever and symptoms subside
 - o If the result of the test is negative, the chorister may return to rehearsals

Resources

[WA State Department of Health Guide for K-12 Schools 2021-22](#)