

Birmingham Ladies Barbershop Harmony Club

Second City Sound

Pandemic Policy

Registered Charity Number 1153445

Introduction

The Birmingham Ladies Barbershop Harmony Club (hereafter referred to in this policy Second City Sound – SCS) recognises the need to have a Corona virus Pandemic Policy. The following sets out the measures that the Club will bring into effect, with the aim of ensuring that the Club will be able to operate to the best of its abilities, whilst protecting and keeping members safe, as far as is practical, from COVID-19.

SCS will facilitate through its policies and procedures, strategies that are designed to reduce risks to the chorus and the general public

SCS will comply with all directions from the Government, public health officers and other recognised medical authorities in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This virus is spread by droplets from the nose or mouth and can survive for up to 72 hours out of the body on other surfaces. There are pockets of research and widespread agreement about the potential to spread the virus through aerosols when singing or shouting, so Second City Sound takes this very seriously.

Statements of general policy

1. The Chair and Trustees of Second City Sound have a written and published risk assessment for in-person rehearsals at Grove Vale School and for singing in the open air.
2. The Chair and Trustees of Second City Sound have confirmed that the necessary insurance against COVID-19 is in place, so long as members have adhered to this policy and risk assessment.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the strategies and actions we will take to prevent the transmission of Covid-19 or other infectious diseases that are epidemics or pandemics and to control the transmission of infectious diseases when a case or cases are identified.

SCS will as far as possible, plan and make advance preparations for the possibility that its rehearsals will be affected by an epidemic or pandemic. On return to in-person rehearsals we will as far as possible provide standard precautions e.g .soap, hand sanitisers, cleaning equipment and clear guidelines for safety and hygiene. We will have a clear risk assessment, guidelines and checklists to support our chorus.

Prevention of spread of COVID-19 at rehearsals

- Chorus members are asked not to attend rehearsals if they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- Chorus members are asked to book their place at each rehearsal with the booking clerk/membership secretary because there is only room for 16 people at each rehearsal, in order to comply with social distancing requirements.
- In order to comply with Government requirements for Track and Trace all Chorus members will be registered on arrival to rehearsal
- Everyone's temperature will be taken on arrival.
- Everyone will be required to wear a mask AT ALL TIMES. Members should bring an additional mask and rubbish bag since masks might become damp during the course of a rehearsal.
- Hand sanitisers and cleaning products will be available throughout the venue.
- Social distancing markers will be placed on the floor in corridors and the School Hall. Members should remain on the markers during rehearsal.
- Doors and/or windows will remain open to allow for ventilation.
- Members must bring as few items as possible to rehearsals and place their belongings in a plastic bag if necessary. This is to avoid cross contamination.
- Members are requested to bring their own refreshments. THERE WILL BE NO SHARING OF ANY ITEMS.
- If members wish to use a chair they will be responsible for sanitising it after use. Sanitising products will be available.
- If members wish to use the toilet facilities they will be responsible for sanitising toilet seats, flush, taps and door handles after use.
- There will be one way in and one way out of the building, with signage indicating this.
- THERE MUST BE NO "MINGLING" AT ALL, IN THE REHEARSAL SPACE OR IN THE CAR PARK.

Breaches of this Policy

- SCS is committed to promoting a safe and inclusive rehearsal space, either inside or outside.. In the event that the committee is notified of breaches to this policy, positive steps will be taken to prevent a re-occurrence of this. Ongoing breaches by any one individual will result in that member being asked to leave.
- SCS will ensure that all members are aware of this policy.

Signed

Chairwoman – Second City Sound

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