

Updated Music Guidelines

FOR HOLY WEEK AND BEYOND



Indoor Singing / Outdoor Singing

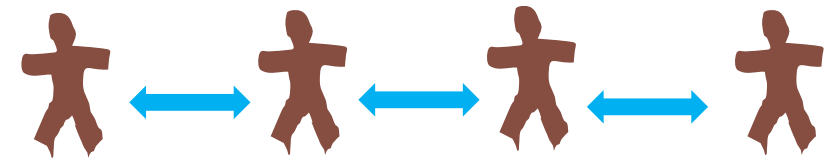
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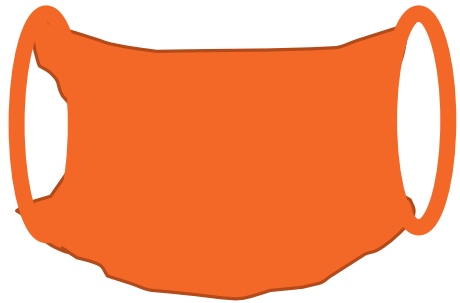
- No congregational singing is allowed indoors.
- Four masked singers may sing if they are spaced 15 feet apart.
- You may record an unmasked soloist if they are 20 feet away from a masked accompanist and no one else is in the room.

OUTDOOR

- Masked congregational singing is permitted if households remain 10 feet apart.
- Up to 4 unmasked singers may sing if they are spaced 20+ feet away from others AND 10 feet away from each other.



Masks



All those singing congregationally, in a small group, or if more than one other person is present must always wear a high-quality, well-fitting mask. That means a surgical or multilayer cloth mask that fits snugly over both nose and mouth.

Spacing

The distance between outdoor singers (individuals or households) is 10 feet. Singers should not face one another.

- Choirs: Spacing options include a grid of 10x10 squares with chairs in the middle of squares to anchor singers. In a semicircle, only the people on the ends may angle their bodies towards the center.
- Congregations: The 10-foot separation rule for singing applies to households or individuals. The distance should be measured from the edge of one household to the edge of another.
- Conductor/Accompanist should be more than 10 feet away from the front row of singers.

Breaks

- A break of 5 minutes will be taken after 15 minutes of singing (or a break of 10 minutes after 30 minutes).
- 60 minutes is the maximum time for outdoor choir rehearsals.
- Time of singing should not be a problem for congregations singing hymns during an outdoor worship service.

Instruments



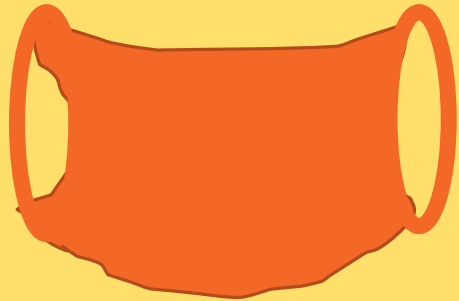
- Handbell choirs may resume with 6 feet between masked members.
- Wind or brass instruments are permitted **IF**
 - the ensemble is limited to a maximum of 4 musicians spaced 15 feet apart, all of whom have negative COVID tests,
 - all players practice strict social distancing and mask use for one week prior to recording, and
 - all instruments have bell covers.

HVAC

- For indoor singing and playing wind or brass instruments, the recording space must have moving outdoor air or actively circulating indoor filtered ventilation at a MERV 13 level or higher with room air exchange at least three (3) times per hour.

Remember the Basics for Singing

Masks



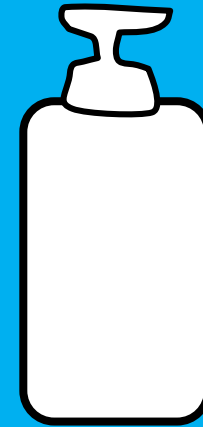
10 Feet



Sanitize

or

Wash
Hands



Masks

The CDC recommends **layering masks** as new variants of the coronavirus are present in our communities to ensure the masked is fitted snugly.

The Diocese strongly encourages but does not require this practice.



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps



Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask