

**Escondido Choral Arts  
Center Children's Chorus  
COVID-19 WAIVER AND PROTOCOL**

The Board of Directors and Staff of Escondido Choral Arts and The Center Children's Chorus are following guidelines set out by municipal, provincial and national public health agencies, and are guided by best practices and research provided by choral agencies such as *Chorus America* and the *American Choral Directors Association*.

**Current Protocols:**

Any participants experiencing cold, or flu-like symptoms are asked to not participate in the choir's activities for a period of 7 days from when the symptoms were last experienced and advise staff of your condition.

Covid 19 vaccination is strongly encouraged for every singer. Maintenance of physical distancing between people will be kept at all times. Seating arrangements will be staggered, and singers will not directly face each other. Indoor use of masks (either a cloth mask or paper-based surgical mask) will be encouraged but ultimately your decision based on current guidelines in the State of California and the Escondido School District. Please bring your own, and we'll have extra disposables on hand in case; No sharing of water bottles, sheet music, pencils, or food (except with choir members from the same household or are in the same bubble). Disinfection of common surfaces will take place in between each event at the venue. Rehearsal duration will be kept under 75 minutes with time indoors and outdoors. This time will include time that is spent singing in outdoor spaces, and other non-singing time for listening and practicing musical skills. Some entrance doors of the CCAE Conference Center will be opened for more ventilation and air circulation. The protocols will continue to adapt and accommodate the changes to the number of COVID-19 infections in Escondido and/or the rate of increase of infections, changes to the public health guidelines, the presence of COVID-19 exposure within the choir, changes to risk tolerance of singers, board members, and/or staff, and new information on best practices of singing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 exposure response plan: If a participant has a confirmed case of COVID-19, please notify staff. We will comply with public health responses and notify anyone who was at any rehearsals that might have had risk of exposure. The participant is asked to provide written confirmation of a negative test result before attending rehearsal.

**Waiver:** I hereby confirm that I will follow the COVID-19 response protocols to the best of my ability and would like to proceed with choral activities on the basis outlined above. I understand that participation in in-person activities for members holds some risk and I am participating voluntarily with full knowledge of the health risks and dangers presented by COVID-19, which can be serious, and in some cases fatal.

I understand that the board of directors and staff are following the noted guidelines and that they are taking all reasonable precautions to ensure a safe environment. There are no guarantees that I may not come in contact with COVID-19, and I acknowledge that I might be at higher risk of contracting COVID-19 by participating in choral activities.

I agree to hold harmless the staff, board of directors, and facility management for any possible exposure that may occur as a result of participation in choir activities.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian for \_\_\_\_\_ Singer

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Permission to Use Photograph/Video

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I agree that the Escondido Choral Arts Program may use such photographs of me without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature, parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
(if under age 18)