

**Philharmonic Choir of Manchester**  
**COVID-19 risk assessment**

Rehearsal day and time: Tuesday at 7.30pm

Rehearsal venue: St. Paul's Church, Withington

**1. Turn away anyone who should be self-isolating or may be infectious**

Transmission risk: aerosols, droplets, surfaces

Mitigation:

- a) Nobody should attend if they have symptoms
- b) Everyone attending should do a lateral flow test no more than 48 hours before the rehearsal
- c) Nobody should attend if they have: tested positive; been told to self-isolate; been in close contact with someone who has been told to self-isolate; been told to quarantine after returning from abroad
- d) Anyone becoming ill with COVID-19 after attending a rehearsal must inform the committee

**2. Provide adequate ventilation**

Transmission risk: aerosols

Mitigation:

- a) The doors to the church should be left open (with someone there to prevent unauthorised entry)
- b) The length of rehearsal should be limited to 1 hour
- c) Face coverings should be worn at all times except when singing

**3. Clean surfaces**

Transmission risk: surfaces

Mitigation:

- a) Door handles, chairs, and other surfaces should be wiped clean before and after use
- b) Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available
- c) There will not be shared music. Members must bring their own copies.

#### **4. Enable people to check in**

Transmission risk: aerosol, droplets, surfaces

Mitigation:

- a) A register will be kept of members attending with contact information

#### **5. Communicate and Train**

Transmission risk: aerosol, droplets, surfaces

Mitigation:

- a) Risk assessment and requirements will be sent to all members in advance of rehearsals

#### **6. Social Distancing**

Transmission risk: droplets

Mitigation:

- a) Everyone should stay at least 1 metre apart from others
- b) There should be at least 2 metres between the MD and the accompanist and the nearest singers.

#### **7. Singing**

Transmission risk: aerosols, droplets

Mitigation:

- a) Keep 1 metre distance from others
- b) Sit or stand side by side and not directly behind others
- c) Stay at least 2 metres away from MD and accompanist

#### **8. Refreshments**

Transmission risk: surfaces

Mitigation:

- a) Members to bring their own water, etc.
- b) The kitchen is not to be used.