

Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua
Choir Covid-19 Policy
Covid Choir Task Force, Feb 2023

This policy builds upon UU Nashua's policy "Covid-19 Building Use and Church Programming Policy" (October 2022) with specific considerations for indoor group singing. These guidelines may be amended in response to changes in Covid-19 risk in our geographical area.

Mitigations

Vaccinations Choir members are strongly encouraged to be fully up-to-date on their vaccinations, as part of our covenant with each other and in recognition of the medical vulnerability that exists for some members of our congregation. Our choices as to Covid-19 protections can have a very real impact on those around us, so we ask that everyone please be respectful of others in this regard.

Ventilation and Room Usage A staff member or volunteer will be assigned to turn on room-rated air purifiers before rehearsal or worship. A staff member or volunteer will be assigned to open doors and windows to increase airflow when the weather allows.

Masks

Rehearsals Choir members are required to wear a mask during choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning (in the Chapel and in the Sanctuary).¹

Worship Presentations Beginning March 5, 2023, choir members may choose whether or not to wear a mask during the worship service presentation of choir anthems.

¹ 3-ply surgical masks provided by the church will be available to choir members. 3-ply surgical and KF94 and KN95 masks provide stronger protection *for the wearer* against virus transmission than cloth masks or procedural masks. Change your mask daily or when it becomes moist for the best protection.

In case of Covid-19 Symptoms and Exposure

Safety

Do not attend choir rehearsal or worship service if you:

- Are in isolation because of a positive Covid-19 test
- Are exhibiting possible Covid-19 symptoms (especially fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing)

If you are a close contact of someone who tests positive for Covid-19:

- Follow the [CDC guidelines](#), including wearing a well-fitting, high-quality mask when in public and avoiding situations that expose you to people in high-risk categories

When in doubt, we recommend an abundance of caution approach - you are encouraged to refrain from singing with the choir, or remain at home, if you are experiencing mild illness symptoms.

Communication

- If you test positive for Covid-19 up to 5 days following a rehearsal or worship service, please contact the church office so that we may inform others who were in attendance. We will keep your identity confidential.

How to contact the church office:

Email Ericka LaValley, Office Administrator (Sun-Thurs) uucnoffice@uunashua.org

Call Caro Barschow, Ministerial Intern (Fri-Sat) 603-882-1091 x 204