

THE IONIAN SINGERS

COVID - 19

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR REHEARSING

The rehearsal venue has its own risk assessment, to ensure that the premises are safe for groups to use. In addition, the Ionian Singers must have a risk assessment that specifically addresses the risks of rehearsing together.

Hazard	How this hazard may affect safety	How the risk will be minimised
Transmission through contact at entry/exit points	If people are in close contact as they arrive, the virus may be spread this way.	This is not considered a high risk as people usually arrive individually. The doorways are wide enough to allow reasonable distancing.
Transmission from contact with the outside world (e.g. public transport)	If people have touched contaminated surfaces or encountered infected people on their journey, they may pass on the virus.	Handwashing/sanitising facilities will be provided near the entrance. Members should walk, cycle or drive to rehearsals where possible. If using public transport is necessary, members who can should wear a face covering. Members who share cars should consider the government guidance on car sharing.
Transmission by contact with contaminated surfaces within the church	As the church is used by other groups there is a possibility of contamination.	Surfaces likely to be touched by members will be sanitised before the rehearsal starts. This especially applies to chairs and toilet facilities.
Transmission to members of other groups by contact with contaminated surfaces within the church	As the church is used by other groups there is a possibility of contamination.	Surfaces likely to have been touched by members will be sanitised after the rehearsal ends. This especially applies to chairs and toilet facilities.
Transmission by contact with music scores	The virus could conceivably be transmitted on the surface of music scores.	Each member will keep their own copy of the scores required. The person distributing music scores will sanitise their hands before distribution.
Transmission between members during social contact	Members may 'forget' social distancing during social contact e.g. tea-breaks.	Members will be encouraged/advised to keep to social distancing rules when not in choir formation. There will be no tea-breaks. Members will bring their own drinks if required.
Transmission between members using toilet facilities	As space is somewhat restricted it may not be possible to observe social distancing in these areas. Door handles may become contaminated.	Members will be encouraged/advised to stagger visits to the toilet facilities. Doors to washrooms will be fixed open to reduce contact points.
Transmission between members during rehearsals	Aerosols produced by singers during rehearsal may spread the virus.	Singers will stand or sit 2 metres apart where possible. They will be positioned side-by-side rather than facing each other. The conductor will stand more than 2 metres from the choir.
Build-up of aerosols during rehearsals	During prolonged sessions, aerosols may build up and thus increase risk of transmission	This is not considered a high risk as it is a high and spacious building. Ventilation will be optimised by opening doors where possible. The length of rehearsals will be limited.

Transmission due to inadequate handwashing	If people have not cleaned their hands properly, they may pass the virus on.	Hand sanitiser will be provided at entrances/exits. In the washrooms adequate water, hand soap and paper towels will be supplied and a bin for disposal of paper towels.
Transmission between members from shared items	The virus could be transmitted on the surface of items such as pencils.	Members will be asked to bring their own pencils in order to avoid sharing. Members should also avoid sharing other items.
Someone catches Covid-19, and it is unknown with whom they came in contact at rehearsals	Other members may unknowingly be passing on the virus to others when they should be self-isolating.	Records of attendance will be kept for 21 days to assist NHS Test and Trace if necessary.
Someone who should be self-isolating attends rehearsal	If someone who should be self-isolating attends rehearsal, they may pass on the virus to other members.	People who are advised to stay at home under current government guidance will be told not to come to rehearsals. This includes those with symptoms of Covid-19, those who live with someone with symptoms of Covid-19, and those who have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.

This risk assessment was communicated to all choir members on24 August 2020.....