

WELWYN GARDEN CITY MUSIC SOCIETY

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR COVID SECURE REHEARSALS

The purpose of this assessment is to enable the Society to rehearse in a covid secure environment in Templewood Primary School.

What is Covid-19

Covid-19 is a contagious respiratory virus, primarily dispersed by aerosols and droplets generated by infected persons breathing or coughing. The government has undertaken an extensive programme of vaccination. 77.5% of all adults had received two doses of vaccine by 17th August 2021, the largest proportion in the over 50 age group.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Area affected: - Templewood School	Assembly Hall , also Corridors, Ladies Toilet, Disabled Toilet, Dining Room
Who is affected:	Members of the Welwyn Garden City Orchestra and Chorus Music Director, Chorus Master, Orchestra Leader, Accompanist.

No.	Transmission Hazards Identified	Actions to minimise Risk	Progress/Action by	Residual Risk
Turn away anyone who should be self-isolating				
1	Aerosol, droplet, surface	Ask Member to do their own health assessment and stay away if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they have symptoms / feel unwell - tested positive (PCR or Lateral flow) - have been told to self isolate - someone they have close contact with has tested positive - are quarantining after a visit abroad 		Low
2	Aerosol, droplet, surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage members to use Lateral Flow Tests - Ask members to think about transport 	Tests freely available Consider lateral flow tests when sharing cars	Low

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Ventilation				
3	Inadequate ventilation increasing the risk of transmission by aerosol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure doors and windows are open where possible - Monitor CO₂ as indicator of poor ventilation If CO₂ above 1500ppm: take a break - Take a break during rehearsal in dining room to allow Hall to ventilate - Use Face Coverings 	<p>School to make available pole to open windows Obtain CO₂ Monitors for Choir and Orchestra</p> <p>Obtain 'Sing Safe' for Choir</p>	Low
Clean More Often				
4	Virus may be present on surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Venue cleaned before use and before school re-starts - Hand soap / Hand sanitiser provided - Encourage regular hand washing /sanitising - Toilets cleaned before use and before School re-starts - Members bring their own equipment (pencils, music stands, mics, sheet music, rosin, valve oil, wax, mutes, etc.) - Clean chairs with anti-bacterial spray and wipes provided, before and after rehearsal - No sharing of equipment – hand sanitiser provided where unavoidable - Rubbish bin provided – emptied into skip after rehearsal 	<p>Cleaning by School cleaners Soap in Toilets</p> <p>Cleaning by School cleaners</p> <p>Bin provided by School, emptied by allocated Society member</p>	Low

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Record names of those present				
5	Attendees may transmit by aerosol, droplet and surface contamination	- Register of attendees kept – information on any positive cases to be reported to choir/orchestra Secretary.	Registers to be kept by choir/orchestra Secretaries	Low
Communication				
6	All modes of virus transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk assessment available online for all stakeholders to see - One page of simple instructions / expected behaviours to be sent to all members - Posters at venue reminding participants of procedures - verbal reminders at rehearsals 	Webmaster Secretary Available from Making Music website	Low
Social distancing / Movement of people				
7	Transmission by droplet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1m social distancing at all times - No more than 2 people in corridor or toilet at a time - One way and queuing systems at pinch points, e.g. entrance/exit, toilets - Individuals can request a greater distance for themselves - please contact your Choir or Orchestra Secretary 		Low
Singing				
8	Transmission by aerosol and droplet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1m social distancing for choir standing side by side but 2m between ranks - Space well ventilated 	Obtain 'Sing Safe' for Choir	Low

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Playing				
9	Transmission by aerosol and droplet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orchestra may prefer to adopt 2m distancing for wind instruments - Space well ventilated - Face coverings worn where appropriate 		Low
Refreshments				
10	Virus may be present on surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No refreshments will be provided - Participants must bring their own - Please take your rubbish home - any single use items can be placed in the bin 		Low

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