

COVID-19 Ramp-up Plan

July 2021 - October 2021
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



Commitment

The majority of our members voted against a 'Big Bang' approach to restarting choir indoors. We commit to honour their vote and take a responsible 4-step plan to ease back into choir rehearsals.

Expectation

As our nation eases lockdown restrictions, we expect our members to accept personal responsibility and make informed choices.



Going forward

No rush

Our members will be invited to restart their membership before attending. We know that some members won't be ready to return yet. So, we will keep non-paying members on the books, until step 4 of this plan.

Flexibility

We are in precarious times and things could change very quickly. We may have to cancel in-person sessions at short notice.

New members

We've missed welcoming new members into the choir recently. In step 3, we will slowly start to invite new people along.



The taking of

FREE

lateral flow tests is encouraged.

Get your free RLF tests here:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

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Step 1

2 WEEKS - UP TO 8TH AUGUST 2021

- Flexibility to move whole rehearsal outside in good weather (*Southampton & Basingstoke*).
- Verbal reminder from choir leader on COVID-19 mitigations.
- Extended break (20 mins) for ventilation.
- Members to be seated for entire rehearsal with their respective harmony group.
- No use of the kitchen or communal hot drinks/food areas.
- Proof of COVID pass on sign-in.

As a matter of social responsibility we're going to make use of the NHS Covid pass, which shows proof of vaccination, a recent negative test or natural immunity as a means of entry.



Fixed Mitigations

These mitigations will be in place for the foreseeable and at every stage of our COVID-19 Ramp-up Plan.



Step 2

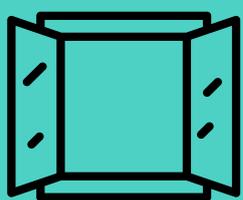
2 WEEKS - UP TO 22ND AUGUST 2021

- Flexibility to move whole rehearsal outside in good weather (Southampton & Basingstoke).
- Extended break (reduced to 15 mins) for ventilation.
- Seating arrangement relaxed and circles/standing in rows can go ahead.
- No use of the kitchen or communal hot drinks/food areas.



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Maximum ventilation



Hand sanitiser on arrival



NHS COVID-19 app sign-in



NHS COVID pass required



Admission only permitted up to 5mins before a session



Members encouraged to leave the room during the break



Members to self-isolate in line with government rules



Stay home if displaying any cold symptoms or if feeling generally unwell

Step 3

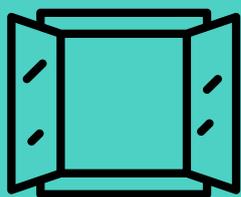
2 WEEKS - UP TO 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

- Break time reduced to our usual 10 mins.
- Communal hot drinks/food open in locations where kitchen + cleaning facilities available.
- Free taster sessions welcome (pre-registered only & limited availability). New members will be required to produce a COVID pass.



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Step 4

This is our back to 'normality' stage.

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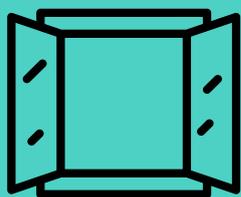
Members who have not yet attended SNC will have up to October 3rd 2021 to decide if they'd like to reactivate their membership. Any spaces that then become available will be offered to people on the waiting list.

At this stage, we will look to start performing within the community again, provided venues meet government safety guidelines.



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Reminders

- Members must not attend Sing Now Choir in-person rehearsals if they have COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell/taste).
 - It is a personal decision to attend rehearsals and our measures cannot reduce risk to zero.
 - It could get cold during our sessions. Although we can use the heating, we will have every window and door open to achieve as much ventilation as possible.
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