

# Stratford-upon-Avon Symphony Orchestra – Covid-19 Rehearsal Procedure

## Introduction

Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe, or fatal.

This is a rehearsal procedure for dealing with the current Covid-19 situation for the Stratford-upon-Avon Symphony orchestra.

Members are encouraged to read the government guidance to the performing arts from the following link to keep up to date with Govt. advice in this evolving situation:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>

## Deciding whether to attend a rehearsal

Members are asked to carefully consider the balance of risks/benefits in the light of government guidelines and the procedures set out below before deciding whether to attend rehearsals.

Members who have not been doubly vaccinated are advised not come to rehearsals. Note that even if you have been doubly vaccinated, you can still catch the virus and pass it onto others who may be vulnerable.

In any case, anyone who:

- Is feeling unwell
- or has had or is in a household with anyone who has had Covid-19 symptoms in the last 48 hours
- or is awaiting the results of a Covid-19 antigen test
- or has been instructed to self-isolate

should stay at home.

Members are encouraged to take regular Covid-19 lateral flow tests to minimise risk of attending a rehearsal whilst infected.

## Rehearsal Procedure

### Covid related Roles

We have nominated COVID-19 co-ordinators and deputies as follows:

- Co-ordinators: Marie-Claire Porter & Philippa Tennant
- Deputies: Alice Crane & Val Juneman

### Rehearsal format

Rehearsals will revert to our normal full orchestra format with normal seating and stand sharing from September 2021. Anyone who doesn't wish to share a stand is free to use their own stand.

### Hall preparation

The Covid-19 co-ordinator and/or deputy will arrive early to collect the key, unlock the hall and ensure:

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- A sanitising station is available in the entrance hall
- The door handles/plates are dry sprayed and light switches are wiped clean
- The entrance door is propped open, and windows are opened
- Seating is set out

## On Arrival

On arrival at the hall, members should check in on the NHS Covid-19 App using the hall's QR poster and use the sanitising station to clean their hands.

Anyone not having the NHS Covid-19 App should manually fill in the attendance register held by the conductor. This register will be kept for 21 days and then destroyed.

## Rehearsal Break

The tearoom will remain closed, and members are asked to bring their own refreshments. To minimise social contact members are asked to use their common sense, respect social distancing and refrain from gathering in large groups.

## On Departure

The Covid-19 co-ordinator and/or deputy will ensure:

- Percussion equipment is cleaned and returned to the storage area under the stairs
- windows are closed and

either

- Seats are racked, 2 cans of Safe2Stay are deployed and lights are turned off

or

- Seat back handles are wiped/sprayed clean
- Lights are turned off and switches wiped clean

- Toilet flush handles and sink tap handles are wiped/sprayed clean
- Door handles/plates are wiped/sprayed clean and closed/locked
- All waste cleaning materials are placed in the large bins provided outside
- The gate is closed/locked and wiped/sprayed clean
- The keys are wiped/sprayed clean and returned

## After Rehearsal

Anyone developing Covid-19 symptoms or receiving a positive Covid-19 test result within 24 hours of attending a rehearsal should immediately contact any member of the orchestra committee who can then notify the hall management on 07768 735531.