

Stratford-upon-Avon Symphony Orchestra - Covid-19 Rehearsal Risk Assessment

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 an updated **Risk Assessment** for dealing with the current Covid-19 situation for the Stratford-upon-Avon Symphony orchestra in rehearsals following the easing of restrictions on 19th July 2021.

To keep up to date with Govt. advice to the performing arts in this fast changing situation visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>

MakingMusic also have guidance on how to interpret the Govt. guidelines which can be found at <https://www.makingmusic.org.uk/resource/can-group-get-back-in-person>

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchestra members • Conductor • Vulnerable groups: Elderly members; Pregnant members; members with existing underlying health conditions • Hall cleaners (if employed by hall) • Other Hall hirers 	<p>Hand Washing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place. • Stringent hand washing taking place. • See hand washing guidance. • https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ • Drying of hands with disposable paper towels. • Gel sanitiser station on entry to the hall. <p>Cleaning</p> <p>Cleaning and disinfecting door handles, light switches using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p>	<p>Members to be reminded to use the sanitiser station on entry to the hall.</p> <p>Members to be reminded to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water if the toilet facilities are used and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels. Also remind them to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands.</p> <p>Before rehearsal: The nominated COVID-19 co-ordinator or deputy will clean high contact areas such as doors with Nilco Nilbac ‘Dry touch sanitiser’ or equivalent. Disposable bacterial wipes will be used for light switches and collected in a waste bin after use.</p>

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		<p><u>Social Distancing</u> Social Distancing -Avoid un-necessary social contact.</p> <p><u>Ventilation</u></p>	<p>After rehearsal: Percussion equipment will be returned to the storage area under the stairs and wiped/sprayed clean. 2 cannisters of 'Safe2Stay' will be set off and left in the hall at the end of rehearsal by the COVID-19 coordinator or deputy. This will disinfect all hard surfaces in the room including chair top rails, light switches, window catches etc. As these cannisters take 20mins to work during which time the room must be unoccupied, the cannisters will still be on the floor the following day for the next user to pick up safely and put in the bin.</p> <p>Collected waste cleaning materials will be removed and placed in the large waste bin outside.</p> <p>High contact areas in the entrance hall will again be sprayed with 'Dry Touch Sanitiser' on leaving the hall as will be the keys after locking up.</p> <p>Rigorous checks will be carried out by nominated rehearsal COVID-19 co-ordinator or deputy at start and end of rehearsals to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed.</p> <p>Members will be asked to bring their own drinks for mid-rehearsal break and to respect social distancing. The tea-room will not be used.</p> <p>Entrance door to be left open and hall windows to be opened before the start of rehearsals and closed at the end (hall heaters to be used to compensate).</p>

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		<p><u>Symptoms of Covid-19</u> If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature during the rehearsal, they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay-at-home guidance.</p> <p>If advised that a member or member of the public has developed Covid-19 and were recently in the hall the Committee will contact the Public Health Authority to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken.</p> <p><u>Mental health</u></p>	<p>Members to be advised they should not come to rehearsals if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are feeling unwell • Have had or are in a household with anyone who has had Covid-19 symptoms in the last 48 hours • are awaiting the results of a Covid-19 antigen test • have been instructed to self-isolate <p>Members who are clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to come to rehearsals. All members are asked to weigh the risks very carefully before deciding to attend a rehearsal.</p> <p>Members will be asked to use the Covid-19 App to register with the hall using the hall's QR code. Anyone not able to use the App will be asked to register their attendance with the conductor at the start of the rehearsal so we have a clear record of who has attended. This record will be retained for at least 21 days.</p> <p>Members will be kept abreast of the rapidly changing situation with regular e-mail updates from the chairman.</p> <p>Committee members will offer support to members who are affected by Coronavirus or have a family member affected.</p>