



September 2, 2021

Dear CCYC Staff, Singers and Families:

The Board of Directors of Central Coast Children's Choir dba Central Coast Youth Chorus has made the decision to proceed with resuming choir activities in September, 2021 with some restrictions. We have agreed to follow the same guidelines as the county schools.

All face covering or mask protocols are set by the California Department of Public Health and local health agencies. As a community organization, we must abide by their guidelines. The most up-to-date guidelines require masks for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, while indoors.

Board Members

Alicia Borlodan
Sandra Eatherly
Kelly Hagerman
Bill Denissen

Artistic Director

Melody Svennungsen

Executive Director

Jill Whaley

Choir Directors

Melody Svennungsen
Lissa Melton
Kelley Lokensgard

Mailing Address:

PO Box 15757
San Luis Obispo, CA
93406
805-464-0443

Taken from COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT School Health Notification dated August 18, 2021:

"In the absence of guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department (SLO PHD) is providing COVID-19 guidance on school sports and extracurricular activities for public and private K-12 schools operating in San Luis Obispo County. The purpose of this guidance is to reduce the incidence and spread of COVID-19 infection in our local schools by supporting a safer environment for all who participate in school sports and other extracurricular activities.

Until superseded by the release of a CDPH Youth Sports Guidance, SLO PHD directs the following precautions, at a minimum, for all public and private K-12 in-person schools operating in SLO County:

Relocate the following high-risk extracurricular group activities outdoors while maintaining a minimum of 6 feet physical distance from others: • Cheer, stunt, drill team, etc. • Choir, or any singing • Drama and dance • Playing wind instruments (regardless of bell covers and mouthpiece masks)

a) Masks are suggested but not required during outdoor group activities.

b) Activities that involve shouting or singing increase the risk of transmission if a participant is infectious, because respiratory droplets may be generated at higher rates and potentially travel greater distances."

At all CCYC functions, everyone will have their temperature taken upon arrival at rehearsals and meetings and asked to certify that they are not experiencing any Covid symptoms. These rules apply to any family members who remain on site during the rehearsals.

All community members age 12 and older are now eligible for the vaccine and we strongly encourage all our employees and students to get the vaccine as soon as they have the opportunity if they have not already done so; however, it will not be mandatory at this time. This may be subject to change as we continue to receive new information from the county, state and federal agencies. We recognize each person has different perspectives about being vaccinated, and the choice is personal.

The Board of Directors will continue to address these issues as we continue to receive updated information via the state, federal, and county guidelines. We want to make sure we are fully prepared to provide a safe environment for all individuals who are working with CCCC dba CCYC.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
CCYC Board of Directors

Mission Statement

The Central Coast Youth Chorus is devoted to creating choral excellence, instilling values of self-discipline and commitment and building lasting friendships while inspiring the artist within each child through the power of music.