



COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR THE DECEMBER 19 & 20, 2021 CONCERTS

General

- **CAUTION:** The Ottawa Choral Society (“OCS”) does not guarantee a COVID-19 free performance space, but the following will reduce the risk of exposure
- The OCS, at a minimum, follows the current guidelines from Ottawa Public Health, and other levels of government
- The OCS will restrict the numbers of tickets sold for each performance to 2/3rds of the maximum capacity
- Everyone is expected to follow these COVID-19 Protocols (members, patrons, instrumentalists, soloists, artistic and support staff, and volunteers)
- Patience and flexibility are needed

Before The Concert

- Assess whether *you* can safely participate (consider possible COVID-19 symptoms, travel, any new variant, and close contacts), before you come to the venue
- Stay home if your attendance will put others at risk
- Patrons will be required to answer COVID-19 screening questions, before being admitted to the venue
- Only those who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with two Health Canada approved vaccines over 14 days prior to attending a performance (“Proof of Vaccination”) will be admitted
- Patrons will be advised in advance by email that:
 - Proof of Vaccination (described above), government identification, and masking will be required to attend the concert in person
 - they should come to the concert venue 30 to 60 minutes early to minimize any line-up due to the COVID-19 protocols



- Instrumentalists, support staff, volunteers, and soloists will provide Proof of Vaccination and government identification to front of house volunteers/staff (“Front of House”)
- Patrons will provide Proof of Vaccination and government identification at the door to Front of House
- Front of House will ensure that everyone entering the venue wears a mask
- All will sanitize hands with the hand sanitizer provided at the entrance
- While physical distancing is not required for the audience, ushers will seat patrons to allow a reasonable distance between patrons from different groups

During the Performance

- Always wear a mask, snugly over your nose and mouth
- OCS members will wear their OCS singer’s mask (or another black singer’s mask if needed) while “on stage”
- OCS members will be seated in pews and chairs in the church choir area
- During the performance, the vocal soloists, woodwind, and brass players will not wear a mask when singing/playing. The conductors will not wear a mask for conducting rehearsals and concerts in the concert venue, and will be tested for COVID-19 before the first orchestral rehearsal
- Eating and drinking are not permitted in the church or performance space

After the Performance

- Leave the performance space without socializing
- A staggered exit will be managed by Front of House

For more information, see the following website: [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Ottawa Public Health](#)

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