

**EAST MALLING SINGERS REHEARSAL RISK ASSESSMENT version 6: 1 December 2021**

Risk	Level	Action to mitigate risk	By whom	Supplementary information/action
Group members catch Covid-19 by travelling to/from rehearsals	M	1. If members are giving others a lift to rehearsals then everyone in vehicle may wish to wear face masks	all members of choir	
Group members catch/give Covid-19 from/to other group members in a rehearsal	H	<b>Reduce risk at entry point by:</b>		
		1. Offer a recording of the rehearsal for those in high risk groups and those who do not feel comfortable with attending live rehearsals	all members of choir	Members have a personal responsibility to themselves and others
		2. Non attendance at live rehearsals by anyone who has been in contact with someone with symptoms of Covid-19 in the previous 14 days	all members of choir	This will be reliant on members being responsible for their own health assessment
		<b>3. Non attendance at live rehearsals by anyone who is unwell or has had a positive lateral flow test result that day</b>	all members of choir	This will be reliant on members taking responsibility and taking a lateral flow test as requested.
		4. Non attendance at live rehearsals by anyone who has been told to isolate on return from travel abroad or by NHS Track and Trace or by NHS Covid-19 App	all members of choir	Members have a personal responsibility to themselves and others
		<b>Creating a low-risk environment:</b>		
		1. All members who come to rehearsal should take a lateral flow test and have a negative result.	all members of choir	
		2. When rehearsing in Church, ensure high-risk surfaces and touch points have been wiped with appropriate sanitiser spray or disposable wipes if the church has been used in the last 72 hours	Committee members	
		3. Maximise ventilation by leaving doors open during rehearsals. If the weather is cold, the doors may remain closed as long as the CO2 monitor does not go above 800 ppm. Members to be advised to dress warmly	Committee members / all members of choir	<b>All Members</b> to dress appropriately given open doors in church
		4. Reduce mingling opportunities by NOT serving tea and coffee during the break	all members of choir	All members to be responsible for their own behaviour and be mindful of the continued need for caution
		<b>Reduce risk through specific safety measures:</b>		
		1. Members to be told that face coverings should be worn whilst moving around in church	all members of choir	
		2. Within rehearsal period if the CO <sub>2</sub> monitor shows that the air has become stale, institute a break when all choir members sit quietly or leave building to allow for air to clear	all members of choir	
		3. The refreshment station in church will be CLOSED	all members of choir	Individual choir members to bring their own drinks to rehearsal
		4. No sharing of music or pencils	all members of choir	
5. Minimise multiple contacts with printed music by either each member using music printed by themselves or, where scores are to be handed out, the Librarian to wear gloves and maintain suitable distances during handover	all members of choir	Librarian to quarantine any rented scores for 72 hours before handing them out		
Group members catch/give Covid-19 from/to other group members in a rehearsal (continued)	H	6. A register will be taken on entry unless there is a queue in which case the register will be taken during the rehearsal rather than on entry in order to prevent mingling	Membership Secretary	Chairman to keep list and send copy to Father Nick by email. All members to inform Chairman if they test positive up to 10 days after a rehearsal. Chairman will then advise Father Nick by email and inform everyone attending relevant rehearsal, so that measures can be taken to avoid spread of Covid.
		7. Minimise use of the piano to use by either the MD or the rehearsal pianist	all members of choir	Committee to provide sanitiser wipes on piano

	8. When moving the piano members should wear gloves	all members of choir	Whilst the choir chairs are not being used during the church service it may be possible to leave piano in rehearsal position
	9. Hand sanitiser to be available at entry point and everyone to use it on arrival	all members of choir	Committee to provide hand sanitiser and all members should be encouraged to bring their own
	10. Any member testing positive for Covid up to three days after a rehearsal should inform the chairperson.	all members of choir	See item 6 above