

Oxford Symphony Orchestra

COVID-19 risk assessment for:	Full orchestra and sectional rehearsals
Rehearsal Day & Time	Tuesday 7.30 pm, 14 September 2021 and following weeks
Rehearsal venue	St Gregory the Great, Cricket Road, Oxford
Assessment date	10-Sep-21
Assessor	Dominic Knight
Demographic	Over-18s.
Number of attendees	Max. 70.

Risk area	Possible mitigations and actions
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1. Cross-infection risks

High-risk/vulnerable individuals attend

Require high-risk/vulnerable individuals to self-identify before rehearsals resume (requirement to notify Committee).

Notify attendees that if they are high-risk/vulnerable, risks cannot be reduced to zero, they should consider risks, and not attend unless vaccinated.

Infectious individual attends rehearsals

Ask attendees not to attend if they have coronavirus symptoms or have had symptoms in the last 10 days, a member of their household / bubble, receives a positive test result for coronavirus in the last 14 days, or if the attendee has been in close contact with someone with symptoms, in the last 14 days, or if the attendee has been required to self-isolate as a result of test and trace requirements or return to UK quarantine rules in the last 14 days. Ask attendees to self-administer a lateral flow test 24 hours before each rehearsal.

Need to track & trace when someone falls ill outside meeting

Keep register including contact details, with seating plan, of everyone who attends rehearsals every week, for 21 days (for NHS Test & Trace)

Ask members to notify a designated committee member if they develop symptoms of coronavirus, having previously been at a rehearsal
Contact NHS track and trace and follow advice in relation to individual and other attendees of relevant rehearsals
Notify all attendees and venue within 24 hours.

Need to deal with person becoming unwell in rehearsals

If someone becomes unwell at the rehearsal, send person home immediately.

Ask person with symptoms to take a test asap and communicate the result to designated Committee member.
Terminate rehearsal immediately and send everyone home, asking them to self-isolate until test result received.
Clean rehearsal space carefully.

Contact NHS track and trace and follow advice in relation to individual and other attendees of relevant rehearsals.
Notify all attendees and venue within 24 hours.

Complacency means mitigating measures not complied with

Regular reminders to attendees of procedures and of individual behaviours expected

Security risk from open doors

Remind everyone that the side door/s will always be open and they should look out for anyone who does not appear to be a member and speak to a committee member if they have a concern. The hall is within school grounds so this shouldn't be a problem.

2. Behaviour of attendees/individual safety measures

Set out expected behaviour:

- 1) 2 metre social distancing wherever possible.
- 2) sneeze/cough into tissue/crook of arm (if not wearing a face-covering).
- 3) no hugging, hand-shaking, lingering to chat in rehearsal venue before/after; chat, if you wish, outside, at 2m distance.
- 4) wearing of face-coverings in the rehearsal venue advised whilst moving around; discretionary when playing.

Individuals spread/pick up virus by touching shared surfaces

Set out expected behaviours:

- 1) avoid touching shared surfaces as much as possible.
- 2) sanitise/wash hands on arrival, departure, before/after break, after using the loo.
- 3) bring your own refreshments.
- 4) players of instruments collecting condensation inside to be disposed of need to bring towel/plastic bag or sealable plastic container.

Volunteers pick up virus in course of their duties

Create team of committee members and volunteers who will carry out set up, clearing up and cleaning tasks.

Provide relevant personal protection equipment including disposable gloves, cleaning materials, face coverings if needed.

4. Rehearsal space

Your usual venue is not Covid-19 secure

Follow School Space Customer Lettings Policy.

Space not large enough (floor and volume) to be safe

School has prepared risk assessment based on Multi-use facilities with capacity of 70 participants (plus conductor and one other committee member/volunteer) to limit risks of transmission.

School RA notes that hall is cleaned after each school day; other groups are required to clean any area they have touched.
Fixed committee / volunteer team to arrive early at 7.20pm arrange chairs all to be ready by 7.30pm when attendees instructed to enter.

Build-up of aerosols

Exit and entry doors, windows, and other doors open to exterior will be kept open for ventilation.

Build-up of virus on shared surfaces

Ensure that side entrance and exit doors are kept open.
Bring cleaning materials and cloths.
The school staff will clean any shared surfaces touched - tables, seats, light switches, door handles, door hooks and other frequently touched objects - before rehearsal.

Clean any shared surfaces touched - tables, seats, light switches, door handles, door hooks and other frequently touched objects - after rehearsal.

Covid transmission in bathroom facilities

Aerosols in air

Remind everyone of social distancing of 2m to be maintained wherever possible.

Contaminated surfaces

Encourage hand washing - soap, paper towels, poster with handwashing technique through reminders.

Queueing points and traffic flow

Difficulty of maintaining 2m social distancing

All attendees to follow personal behaviours advice including going straight to designated seat.

Reminder at end of rehearsal not to linger to socialise or for other reasons after rehearsal (even outside).

Rubbish

Take all rubbish home with you.

5. Your musical activity

Venue cannot accommodate whole group with appropriate social distancing

Venue has determined appropriate density of occupation; orchestra is within that limit.

Covid-safe placing of individuals during activity

Separate stands for those who choose.

Virus spread through sheet music

Players are advised against double-handling of shared parts as much as possible.

6. Ancillary activity

Provision of refreshments is source of transmission

No refreshments provided.