

Cantabile Fall 2021 COVID-19 Policy

In an attempt to reduce risk and to help individuals estimate their own risk, Cantabile will follow a set of guidelines, based on current US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) guidance for fully vaccinated people and indoor gatherings, outlined below.

1. All those participating **in-person** in Cantabile activities will have provided proof of vaccination against COVID-19, in the form of a CDC vaccination card, or a picture thereof.
 - a. This policy requires proof of vaccination, not proof that the vaccination was effective. In particular, vaccinated participants are welcome even if there is reason to suspect the vaccine might not be as effective for them as for others (e.g., because of a weakened immune system).
 - b. "Those participating" includes everyone participating, regardless of whether they are members or singing (e.g., instrumentalists).
 - c. "Activities" include official functions including rehearsals, concerts, board meetings, potluck dinners, and retreats.
 - d. Members may choose not to provide proof of vaccination -- or may choose not to participate in person because of safety concerns. They will remain valued members and may participate remotely insofar as possible. They will never have fewer privileges than the general public (e.g., they may attend concerts to which the general public is permitted).
2. People with cold, flu, or COVID-19 symptoms will not attend in-person activities. People will use their own judgment in deciding whether they have relevant symptoms.
 - a. In particular, within 8 hours before arriving at an event, participants will take a moment to determine whether they might have a fever; those who might have a fever will not attend in person. Using a thermometer to make this determination is not required, but might be helpful to remove doubt in borderline cases.
3. People who test positive for COVID-19 will alert the Artistic Director or a board member of their positive test if they have participated in-person in any Cantabile activity within 14 days before the test date. They will not attend any Cantabile activities in-person until (1) at least 10 days have passed since the positive test, and (2) at least 24 hours have passed with no symptoms.
4. People who have been exposed to COVID-19 (being within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) will get tested 3-5 days after exposure and wear a mask indoors for 14 days or until receipt of a negative test result.
5. People will wear a cloth or disposable mask at all indoor activities, including indoor rehearsals.

6. All rehearsals will be live-streamed over Zoom for remote participation.
 - a. However, remote participation is an imperfect substitute for in-person rehearsals. To perform in a concert, a singer must have attended sufficient in-person rehearsals (as in any past season), at the discretion of the Artistic Director.
7. Attendance will be taken at all rehearsals and gatherings for Cantabile's records and potential contact tracing.
8. When singing, singers will be spaced at intervals at least 6 feet apart, and at least 12 feet from the conductor and any instrumentalists.
 - a. Singers will try to maintain the 6-foot spacing while singing, but may infringe upon it when not singing, and for short periods of time while singing, e.g., while stretching or swaying to the music.
9. Indoor rehearsals will take place in (at most) 1-hour intervals, with at least a 15-minute break between 1-hour intervals to allow air exchange.
10. In-person activities will be canceled if the CDC and/or CDPHE and/or BCPH so recommends, as interpreted by the Board.
11. These policies may change according to needs and circumstances. Any changes will be announced by email at least 24 hours before in-person activity.
 - a. If the Board learns that new measures are necessary for safety, without enough time to provide 24 hours' notice, the activity will be canceled.
12. People who violate these policies will be tactfully reminded of the policies and asked to conform by a Board member or the Artistic Director, possibly immediately or within a day (perhaps during a break in rehearsal, or after rehearsal), depending on the perceived severity of violation.
 - a. People who repeatedly violate these policies will be asked to participate remotely.
 - b. Significant, uncorrected violations of these policies will result in the Board canceling in-person activities.
13. These policies will be posted on Cantabile's website; printed copies will be provided upon request.