

## **Updated MOS Guidelines for In-Person Gathering following Respiratory Viral illnesses, including influenza and COVID-19**

Adhering to the best available advice of authorities and medical experts as we program and plan, we continue to recommend full COVID-19 and influenza vaccination for all in-person participants.

We also recognize that over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic:

Everyone has now had time and opportunity to assess their own risk tolerance and chart an individual course,

There have been multiple opportunities for COVID-19 vaccine boosters, as well as individuals' developed immunity via virus contraction and recovery, and

There are other significant, transmissible respiratory illnesses for which we have no specific policies, that are not related to COVID-19 or any of its variants.

Therefore, effective with our first full chorus gathering in January 2023, MOS will no longer seek to verify or document status of COVID-19 vaccination for staff or participants. We will also relax the requirement of wearing masks upon entering the Roswell UMC campus facilities (consistent with other current Roswell UMC activities).

Masks continue to be welcome in rehearsals and performances but are not required. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask will be supported in their decision to do so. MOS will also still provide access to wipes and handwashing supplies and continue to adhere to best practices of social distancing in the ways we interact (rehearsing in large spaces and providing options for minimizing personal contact).

Out of respect for our Staff and fellow Chorus Members, we ask MOS Chorus singers to pledge that they will attend any specific in-person gathering following illness only if:

They have shown no fever for at least the previous 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication,

They have had improving symptoms for at least the previous 24 hours, and

They do not exhibit symptoms that are discernible to others (i.e., coughing, sneezing).

The MOS Organization will remain attuned to dynamic developments with respect to public health, and will continue to follow the best available and up-to-date guidelines for public gathering (i.e., masking or social distancing recommendations that may arise).