

## Love Soul Choir: Coronavirus Policy

Last updated: Monday 30th November 2020

### Our Statement

Our responsibility is to ensure the safety of our members, their families and venue staff as we resume our in-person sessions during the coronavirus pandemic.

Love Soul Choir has, and will continue to follow government guidance, closely. If any guidance changes, we will update our approach accordingly.

Anybody who has coronavirus symptoms such as a raised temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss/change to their sense of taste or smell should not attend a Love Soul Choir session and should follow the [appropriate guidance](#).

### Government Guidance (Rehearsals)

As stated in the 'guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities';

*"Both professionals and non-professionals can now engage in singing, wind and brass in line with the performing arts guidance."*

Following the 'performing arts guidance', we will be implementing the following changes:

- We will be running 2 x 45 minute sessions.
- Session capacity will be reduced to ensure 2m social distancing is adhered to.
- Side-to-side positioning will be enforced.
- No socialising will be permitted.
- Windows and doors will be open to ensure adequate ventilation.

We have also halted our audition process until social distancing measures are relaxed. This will ensure we have no newcomers attend our sessions for the foreseeable future.

### Extra Measures

#### Arrival

- Members have been advised to arrive alone and walk independently to the session room following the one way routes implemented at the venues
- Temperature checks will be carried out before members can enter the rehearsal room. This will be taken by Dan Cooper using a non-contact infrared thermometer. Anybody with a forehead temperature of 38°C or more will be asked to return home and encouraged to take a Covid-19 test. Whilst non-contact temperature checks aren't 100% reliable at detecting fevers, it will give our team another non-contact method to screen for fevers. Whilst the use of non-contact infrared thermometers to identify adults who could have COVID-19 may not be fully reliable, this tool and the practice of screening, provides a visible and important reminder to our members of the risk of COVID-19, and as a reminder for members to remain at home if they're unwell.
- Members will be advised to scan the Love Soul Choir specific NHS Test & Trace QR code for the Covid-19 app.
- Members will have access to sanitiser as they enter the rehearsal room.
- Upon arrival, each person will be designated to a spot in the room (clearly marked out) where they will stay for the whole session. This will ensure social distancing is adhered to.

## Departure

- The choir leader will dismiss members individually once the session ends. This ensures that no mingling or mixing can take place and that there is no blockage at doors.
- Members will be asked to leave following the one-way systems implemented at the venue.

*All members must wear face masks when arriving and leaving the venue. Face masks can be removed once individuals are stood on their assigned marker.*

## Register

Alongside the official NHS Test & Trace practises, Love Soul Choir will take accurate registers (at each session) to ensure we know, at any time, who attended each session. This data, if required, will be shared with the NHS Test & Trace scheme.

## **Government Guidance (Winter Show 2020)**

Location: Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

As stated in the 'guidance for the Christmas period';

*"Professional and amateur choirs may perform outdoors in any venue permitted to open, as per the restrictions in each tier."*

Following the 'performing arts guidance' and further advice published in 'guidance for the Christmas period', we will be implementing the following changes to our event:

- *The event will not host a live audience as it will be a filmed production.*
- *The event will take place outside and there will be no indoor access at any time.*
- *2m social distancing will be adhered to at all time.*
- *Side-to-side positioning will be enforced.*
- *No socialising will be permitted.*
- *Singers will be asked to mime or sing quietly to a pre-recorded track to further reduce risk.*
- *The amount of time on site has been reduced.*

## **Extra Measures**

### Arrival

- Members have been advised to arrive alone and walk independently to the performance area.
- Members will be advised to scan the Love Soul Choir specific NHS Test & Trace QR code for the Covid-19 app upon arrival.
- Members will have access to sanitiser as they arrive.
- Upon arrival, each person will be designated to a spot (clearly marked out) where they will stay for the duration. This will ensure social distancing is adhered to.

### Departure

- The choir leader will dismiss members individually once the event ends. This ensures that no mingling or mixing can take place.