

Covid Plan Convention 2022

The past two years have been difficult for everyone because of Covid and the inability to gather with our sisters in harmony. This year, the RCSC has been working to provide choruses and quartets the opportunity to compete with the best possible outcomes given the circumstances. Our goal is to have a contest that is fun and safe for all regional members. The following plan is consistent with International's plan for the 2022 Convention in Phoenix in September of 2022. We do believe that all members will follow the rules as established for the regional convention, and in the communities hosting the events.

1. All participating members must be fully vaccinated including boosters. This means both vaccines for Moderna or Pfizer or the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine and the booster if eligible. Any member who is not vaccinated because of medical or religious exemptions must have proof of negative PCR.
 - a. Members who are not fully vaccinated need to have proof of a negative PCR test within 72 hours of the contest date
 - b. Each chorus will send proof of member vaccination to Bonnie Garlow by April 1, 2022
 - c. PCR test results are to be brought with them to the venue.
 - d. Legal ID must be presented with the PCR test
 - e. If a member's vaccination was not on the list provided to Bonnie, it must be presented at the door with Legal ID
2. Members will be checked in at the door when they first enter the venue.
 - a. If the member is not listed on the vaccination list provided by the chorus/quartet, they must show their vaccination card, including booster if eligible, at entry along with their legal ID.
 - b. Those members who are not vaccinated must show their proof of the negative PCR test completed within the 72 hours prior to the event
 - c. Temperatures will be taken at the door and members asked the standard Covid clearance questions.
 - i. Have you tested positive in the last 14 days?
 - ii. Are you experiencing any symptoms such as fever, cough, or congestion?
 - iii. Have you been exposed to anyone who tested positive in the last 14 days?
 - iv. Have you traveled outside the country in the last 14 days?
3. A member of a competing quartet/chorus will be denied entrance to the event on the day of competition if they have a fever, their vaccination card is not on file or available, or their negative PCR test is not available.
4. All members are expected to wear a mask while inside the venue. The mask may be removed for drinking or eating.
 - a. A Chorus/quartet may take their mask off while on the risers or floor if they wish.

- b. If they choose not to wear the mask during their performance, the masks can be removed when they are on the risers or in position on the floor. Members can put the mask in a pocket, around their wrist, or simply pull it down from their face if they choose. That is up to the chorus or quartet. Please do not put it on the risers or hang it from a back railing.
 - c. Masks are to be put back on right after the formal picture and before they leave the risers or flat floor.
- 5. Audience participation will be allowed based on the most restrictive Covid requirement of the four venues (Milpitas, Eugene, Honolulu, and Sacramento) If the restrictions in any area indicate limited or no audience seating, that limitation will apply to all venues.
 - a. Choruses/quartets choosing to create their own video are also to follow the same guidelines.
 - b. Depending on restrictions, only participating members will be allowed in the audience
 - c. Nonparticipating members will be allowed in the audience, based on the most restrictive Covid regulations.
 - i. Nonparticipating members must show proof of vaccination at the door or proof of negative PCR test within 72 hours of the event
 - ii. Nonparticipating members must wear a mask while in the venue.
 - d. No family, friends, or other interested persons will be in the audience as it is not possible to monitor others outside of our membership.
- 6. This Covid policy may change depending on the conditions in mid-April. A final decision will be made at that time.
- 7. By participating in the event, members acknowledge that, despite these precautions, there is a risk of Covid exposure.