

From a Facebook group of choral directors and voice teachers. ACDA is the American Choral Director's Association and NATS is the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

"For those those who couldn't attend the ACDA/NATS/ChorusAmerica/BarberShop national Pandemic webinar:

EDIT: Please note that these are discussion points and not official guidelines or decisions.

1) There is no safe way for choirs to rehearse together until there is a vaccine or 95% effective treatment in place, most likely 1-2 years. Perhaps occasionally outside in small groups, but only when the wind is not at your back. Masks and spacing DO NOT protect your singers from contagion, and singers are super-spreaders

2) Though there may be some mitigation using a combination of UV lights and fan/atmosphere scrubbing inside, it is not 100% effective and the UV in particular may be both expensive and dangerous

3) No concerts or public performances this fall, and frankly, maybe not for 1-2 years, though we actually don't know.

4) Once rapid testing becomes available, possibility to rehearse with immediate testing before every rehearsal with iron-clad agreements from choir members.

5) AUDIENCE: liability insurance for your arts org. Temperature checks at the door and required masks. US government Phase THREE recommendations for actual safe return to public performances."

[credit to John Stafford for the original post in the Vocal Jazz Educators Group]