

COVID policy for weekly Sacred Harp singings in Bristol

23rd January 2024

Tuesdays 7–9pm

Faithspace, Redcliffe Methodist Church, Prewett St, Redcliffe, Bristol BS1 6PB

Singing Sacred Harp remains a perfect way of spreading COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses. Sacred Harp singings with no precautions in place have served as super-spreading events. To protect each other and our contacts - and to make sure we can all sing as much as possible for as long as possible - please ensure you observe this COVID policy.

The Basics

- **Do not** attend if you have tested positive for covid in the last 10 days **unless** you are at least a week out from your initial positive test **and** have tested negative on two consecutive days since.
- **Do not** attend if you have a communicable respiratory infection such as Covid-19, a cold or the flu.
- **Do not** attend if you have new symptoms of a communicable respiratory infection such as Covid-19, a cold or the flu.
- A negative LFT test result is not required for attendance, but regular testing can reduce risk and some singers do test weekly before singing. *Lateral flow tests are available from pharmacies (often behind the counter - you may have to ask!), supermarkets and online.*
- Masks are not required to attend (and are not often, if ever, worn at singings here), but you are most welcome to wear one.

Contact tracing

We are no longer operating a formal contact tracing system, however if you find you have COVID in the days shortly following singing, you can still inform singers about their infection risk in the following ways:

- Post to our Facebook group (not anonymous)
- Post to our email list (not anonymous)
- Contact bristolsacredharp@gmail.com – we will post in the above channels without naming you
- Tell another singer who can post in the above channels without naming you

Venue Particulars

PERSONAL SPACE: Singers will be sat facing each other in four voice parts in the hollow square. Spacing will be left to singers' discretion, and singers can sit wherever they feel comfortable. Please keep in mind that people have different comfort levels and check in before squeezing up close!

VENTILATION: We will be seeking to increase ventilation as much as possible without creating a hostile environment.

ROOM: At Faithspace we sing in a large, high-ceilinged room with an openable door at each end and no openable windows.