



### **UWO CHOIRS & COVID-19**

Procedures for UWO Choirs have been carefully planned to create the safest environment possible for in-person rehearsals during this time. Our plans are based on the Titans Return Plan from UWO and on preliminary results of a research study conducted by the University of Colorado Boulder. Essentially, the research confirms that masks + distance do limit the spread of aerosols during singing and playing wind instruments.

Here is a link to the Colorado study:

<https://www.nfhs.org/articles/unprecedented-international-coalition-led-by-performing-arts-organizations-to-commission-covid-19-study/>

#### **Here are our procedures for UWO Choir rehearsals:**

- All singers, conductor, and accompanists wearing masks at all times
- Distance of 12 ft between singers (12 sq. ft per person)
- Singing time during rehearsal is limited to 30 minutes
- Minimum of 30 minutes for air exchange between rehearsals

Chamber Choir and Titan Men's Choir will meet in the UWO Music Hall which seats 500, so that we can achieve that amount of distance and still have a good acoustic for singing and hearing one another. The UWO Women's Choir will meet in Reeve Union Ballroom (Rm 202) for the same reasons. Our two performances this semester are planned as "live stream-only" events (just singers, no audience).

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