

## **COVID-19 Protocol for KEMS Orchestra and Concert Band Rehearsals in St Michael's and St Peter's Churches Macclesfield**

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This Protocol applies to KEMS evening rehearsals in St Michael's and St Peter's Church for the Orchestra and Concert Band. The Protocol will be kept under regular review and updated in the light of experience and advice. The Protocol has been put together using information provided by Government, the NHS and Making Music. It is an encouragement for personal responsibility.

### **Ventilation**

The buildings are large and well ventilated. We will keep internal doors open to encourage air flow. A CO2 monitor will be used at rehearsals to monitor air quality.

### **Refreshments**

Rehearsals will start at the normal times. There will be a short break in the middle of the rehearsal for access to toilets but initially refreshments will not be provided.

### **Your Responsibilities for keeping yourself and others safe at rehearsals:**

1. Please do not attend rehearsals if you have any of these, the most important symptoms of COVID-19:
  - A new continuous cough
  - A high temperature
  - A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
  - Or, you should be self-isolating
  - Or, you have been in close contact with someone who has had COVID-19 (unless you are fully vaccinated)
2. Inform the MD or Committee member if you test positive for COVID-19 closely following a rehearsal.
3. Get fully vaccinated.
4. Wear a face mask (fully covering nose and mouth) when entering and moving around the building. This can be removed when seated.
5. Wind and brass instrumentalists: please collect your liquid emissions.
6. Consider regular (perhaps twice weekly) lateral flow tests – even if you exhibit no symptoms.
7. If you need to cough/sneeze, use a handkerchief/tissue.
8. Respect other people's personal space.

### **Personal Risk**

This Protocol is designed to reduce the risks from COVID-19 to an acceptable minimum. However, each member is responsible for assessing her/his own personal risk. We cannot guarantee absolute safety but hope that all/most members are now fully vaccinated and feel comfortable about resuming indoor rehearsals on this basis.