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A Statement About Returning to Live Rehearsals

As we are beginning Season 14 while still in the midst of this continuously evolving pandemic, the Board of Directors is dedicated to doing whatever possible to foster a true community experience while mitigating the spread of the COVID19 Delta Variant. Out of an abundance of caution, and in effort to protect the more medically vulnerable members of our chorus, the Board has decided to follow the recommendations proposed by the American Choral Directors Association and, for the time being, starting July 26, 2021, for ALL VOTD rehearsals, we ask that all singers who wish to participate in in-person rehearsals be prepared to:

- 1) present your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card prior to or at the next rehearsal (Monday, July 26th). You can bring your Vaccination Card to rehearsal with you, or simply email a photo copy to Rodney at rodthebod84@hotmail.com
- 2) wear masks when not singing while indoors during rehearsal
- 3) stay home if you do not feel well, or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- 4) bring your own snacks, if needed, during rehearsal (no sharing of food or drink)

These guidelines are—as are all things in this uncertain time—ever-evolving, and only one of several steps we are taking to protect our members and staff from contracting COVID19. The Board of Directors will review these guidelines as the season and the pandemic progress, and we will adjust them as necessary and appropriate. We realize these decisions are fraught with personal, social, and political undercurrents, and we appreciate your patience and understanding—and especially your care and concern for your choral community—as we navigate this unfamiliar and unfortunate terrain together. As always, if you have any concerns or needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

-Voices of the Desert Board of Directors