

ECC 2020-21 Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions

The Evergreen Children's Chorale is looking forward to our 2020-21 season. We know it will look different from past years, but we're hoping to stay true to our mission of inspiring and engaging young performers through quality experiences that create community and nurture a love of the arts. We've done our best to develop a plan for this fall. This is a living document; be aware that everything is subject to change. As circumstances and procedures change families will be notified.

Rehearsal and Performance Schedule:

New Member Auditions - TBD, one on one with Lisa or Lindy - Company registration will be open to returning members first. Interested new Prelude members in 2nd-4th grade should fill out the contact form on the "Join Us" page on ECC's website. New 5th graders joining Company for the first time will not be required to audition.

Location - Center Stage Theater, 27608 Fireweed Dr. Evergreen, CO 80439

Prelude (2nd-4th grade) - Mondays

- Group 1 - 4:30-5:30, Group 2 - 5:15-6:15
- September 14 - December 14 (no rehearsal November 23, December 21 or 28)
- Spring schedule TBD but will likely remain very similar
- Members will be divided into smaller groups (approximately 8 students). The first group will sing for 45 minutes then have 15 minutes of announcements and theater games combined with the second group. The second group of students will then have a 45 minute vocal rehearsal mirroring the first group. Groups will be divided based on vocal parts. We will try our best to take parent requests into consideration based on carpooling and other schedule concerns.

Company (5th-8th grade) - Tuesdays

- 4:30-6:30
- September 15 - December 15 (no rehearsal November 24, December 22 or 29)
- Spring schedule TBD but will likely remain very similar
- Members will be divided into two smaller groups (approximately 8 students). One group will sing for the first hour while the other group focuses on improv, choreography, script writing, and public speaking/acting. For the second hour the groups will rotate. There will not be any large combined group time. Groups will be divided based on vocal parts.

Additional rehearsals may be added or extended/combined as we near performance dates. We will do our best to communicate changes in dates and times and appreciate your willingness to adapt as we go. The traditional attendance policy will be waived for the 2020-21 season.

We will be adding in occasional “zoom game nights” online to strengthen the cohesiveness of the group as necessary.

Program/Performance Plans:

“You Can’t Stop the Beat” -- 30th Anniversary Favorites -- Performances in Spring 2021 TBD

- Students will work on selected music, choreography and script all year with an anticipated performance in April 2021.

Holiday Concert 2020 --

- Students will work on a few holiday songs this fall to be recorded or performed for small family groups -- dates/location TBD
- At this time we aren’t anticipating any community performances (Life Care Center, Winterfest, etc.) but are hopeful we can add a few during the spring semester.

We are also working on a plan for solo/small group talent show style opportunities for current members and alumni. Stay tuned for details.

Dues:

\$50 non-refundable deposit prior to the first rehearsal (one per family) to show commitment to full year participation, paid at the time of registration.

- Because of the current restrictions and guidelines, we are planning to only offer full year membership for 2020-21. We will consider exceptions on a case by case basis.

\$60 per month per member Prelude

\$70 per month per member Company

Due on the 1st - September, October, November, December, January, February, March and April.

Refund Policy: If ECC’s board votes to cancel in-person rehearsals due to COVID-19 concerns for more than one week in a row you will have the option to receive a prorated refund for that month’s dues or apply that amount toward a future month. Any other request for refund will be looked at on a case by case basis.

Angel Fund: ECC’s Lynn Nestingen Angel Fund for tuition assistance (dues only) can be applied for at any time during the semester. Email the Business Manager for a link to the online form.

Attendance Policy: If you or someone in your household is sick, experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, awaiting a COVID-19 test result, or has a fever of 100.4 or higher you are required to stay home. If you know of rehearsals or performances you will miss due to a scheduling conflict please notify us as soon as possible. The traditional attendance policy outlined in the Membership Handbook has been waived for the 2020-21 season.

Health Procedures:

- Rehearsals will be limited in size to allow for social distancing, especially during singing
- Health Screening/Drop Off Pick Up Procedures
 - Parents should assess their children for any symptoms of COVID-19 and take their temperatures prior to bringing them to rehearsal.
 - Self-assessment checklist to be completed at drop off outside the theater.
 - Staff will be present to take no-touch thermometer reading.
 - No parents permitted to enter the building.
- Mask wearing will be required by members and staff during singing and dancing. Masks will always be required if they are unable to have 6ft of physical distance. ECC will provide disposable masks in child and adult sizes. We recommend this mask designed specifically for singing:

<https://www.mymusicfolders.com/product/resonance-singers-mask-with-disposable-biofilters/>

- Hand sanitizer will be required upon arrival and readily available throughout the rehearsal space.
- 6 ft+ distancing will be practiced to the greatest extent possible.
- Students will be outside for rehearsals when possible.
- Music folders cannot be shared or borrowed. Do not forget your music.
- Bring your own water bottle with your name clearly labeled. Fountains will be unavailable.
- No food. Snacks must be finished prior to entering the building.
- Students will have assigned chairs on stage and cannot sit in theater seats.
- We will have access to bathrooms and sinks for handwashing which will all be cleaned frequently.

What if schools close to in-person learning or the state has a stay at home order?

In the past, ECC has generally followed Jeffco closure policies, however, the structure of ECC is very different from a school setting (smaller group, shorter time, once a week, etc). The ECC Board and Staff have closely considered all local and state public health guidelines and will continue to do so on a regular basis based on what's best for the health of our organization's staff and members. As Jeffco makes changes to school format throughout the semester the ECC board may also make changes to our structure. They may or may not follow the school district.

What if a member or someone in their family has COVID19 symptoms or is awaiting test results?

Families should stay in close communication with ECC staff and notify the Business Manager of possible cases ASAP (school or community exposure, symptoms, or positive test results). If members or anyone in their household is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, has a positive COVID-19 test, or has a known exposure to COVID-19, members will be required to stay home. We will take appropriate health measures and communicate possible exposure.

Fundraising:

ECC needs your support now more than ever. We're facing decreased funds from many of our traditional revenue sources including the SCFD (funded by sales tax).

- ECC will be hosting an online Butter Braids fundraiser October/November (local delivery only). This is totally optional but we've had tons of requests that people want to stock up for the holidays.
- Make a tax deductible donation on Colorado Gives Day (December 8, 2020), or anytime throughout the year.
 - <https://www.coloradogives.org/COGIVESDAY>
- Link ECC's organization code to your King Soopers Loyalty Card using their community rewards program.
 - <https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards>
- Use the Benefit Mobile App for shopping.
 - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/benefit/id725350149>
 - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=benefit.mobile>
- Select ECC as your beneficiary on Amazon Smile: smile.amazon.com/ch/84-1183285

Thank you for your support!