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Dear Brandon Conservatory Chorale singers and families:

We are delighted to welcome you to another exciting year of BCC programming. We have missed your voices and your enthusiasm, and we are so excited to make music together.

The Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory of Music has released its COVID-19 policy for this school year, in order to comply with protocols from Brandon University and the Province of Manitoba. The policy can be viewed on the website at [BrandonU.ca/E-Gre](http://BrandonU.ca/E-Gre), and we ask you to read it carefully before rehearsals begin.

Here are the most important facts applicable to BCC members:

- Any student who feels unwell should not attend BCC rehearsals. Students showing illness will not be permitted to enter the building. For those unable to attend in-person rehearsals, we will livestream the conductor on Zoom and you can participate from home.
- Masks are mandatory in all Brandon University campus spaces. You must enter the building wearing a mask. Special masks designed for singers will be made available to all BCC members.
- To comply with provincial public health orders, all choir members aged 12 and up must be fully vaccinated. A secure and confidential online portal is being developed for BCC members to upload this proof: in the meantime, choristers should present their proof of vaccination status (digital or physical QR code) to our verifiers at the door.
- Parents should be prepared to drop their children off punctually at the front door and pick them up immediately at the end of rehearsal. At this time, we cannot accommodate parents in our rehearsal spaces.

In preparation for your first rehearsal, please come prepared with a binder, pencil, water bottle, and a mask.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Conservatory's COVID-19 policy, please contact Conservatory Director Everett Hopfner at 204-727-7366 or [HopfnerE@BrandonU.ca](mailto:HopfnerE@BrandonU.ca). We look forward to a safe and joyful year of singing together!

Yours sincerely,

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