**BSC COVID POLICY (as of June 17, 2024)**

Here is the updated policy for BSC regarding illness / COVID:

The management team agreed to remove the requirement for vaccination. At this point over 90% of Americans have immunity from getting vaccinated and/or getting COVID.  There are multiple treatment protocols available if someone contracts COVID.  And the versions of COVID circulating are less deadly than the original strains.

It will be up to personal responsibility to wear a mask if you are concerned about getting COVID.  Michele will continue to inform the chorus if COVID numbers are up in the community, which would be an important indicator for wearing a mask.  She uses this site:  <https://www.mwra.com/biobot/biobotdata.htm>   You can use it too!

The management team also agreed that if a member has cold-like symptoms they should either come to chorus wearing a mask or choose not to come.

**IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID**

The CDC now says that if you test positive for COVID, you can resume normal activities once you are symptom-free for 24 hours (including no fever, if you had one).  They also recommend wearing a well-fitting mask for 5 days to prevent spreading the disease.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/p0301-respiratory-virus.html>

Based on this, and wanting to be more cautious because singing is a high-spread activity,  the management team decided that you can come back to chorus if you are 5 days past your initial test AND symptom-free, but please wear a mask for that first time back.

If you have any questions about this policy, please reach out to Michele (mbokun@live.com)

Thank you for staying healthy and keeping each other healthy!