COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease, and symptoms are not always obvious. Please follow all CDC, Local Government, School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, and CSU guidelines regarding hand-washing, wearing an appropriate face-mask, and physical-distancing of at least 6 ft.

If you are showing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who received a COVID-19 diagnosis, it is important to make your instructors aware so that appropriate health measures and accommodations can be made, if necessary.

- All students are required to submit the Daily Symptom Checker found HERE.
- Additional guidelines and updated information can be found HERE.
- SMTD-specific protocols can be found HERE.

**VOICE-AREA EXPECTATIONS DURING COVID-19**

Group singing has been directly linked to outbreaks of severe illness due to droplet and likely aerosol transmission. CSU and the School of Music, Theater, and Dance are doing everything possible to reduce this risk for students and faculty while they are on campus. However, off-campus singing activities (i.e. community theater/choirs, places of worship, etc.) are beyond our purview.

If students elect to participate in singing/gathering activities where distancing and mask precautions are not in place, it is important to make your instructors aware so that appropriate health measures and accommodations can be made, if necessary.

You are strongly discouraged from engaging in group (more than one) singing activities at this time as such activity may pose a risk to your classmates, faculty, and staff.

COVID-19 effects individuals differently, but respiratory involvement is a primary symptom the majority of the time. The long-term effects on the respiratory system are unknown, but an initial cycle of infection and recovery can potentially take weeks to months. As the respiratory system is the foundation from which singing is built, we strongly urge students to take the precautions above in order to avoid illness that could adversely affect their studies and the studies of colleagues for an indeterminate amount of time.

COVID-19 and the toll it has taken on society as a whole—and the arts in particular—has been incredibly difficult to go through. We know that students are being asked to work through conditions that they never expected; however, we are also very aware of how strong and capable you all are of rising to meet the challenges ahead.

We are incredibly proud of the work you all have done, and the work that is to come. The voice faculty at CSU have no doubt that we will keep one another healthy and supported as we move forward.