



ABC BEL CANTO CHOIRS



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ABC BEL CANTO IS SUSPENDING REHEARSALS

Dear ABC BEL CANTO PARENTS & CHORISTERS

We have all been watching the spread of the Corona Virus through China and then Europe. There is no cure, no vaccine for protection. Containment is the most potent tool. Don't gather in large groups.

No matter how careful we are with gloves etc, with hand wipes, we cannot prevent anyone from coughing or sneezing. I know that we now can tap elbows but not shake hands! Seriously! And that might not be good enough. We now know that this virus is passed by a sick person sneezing or coughing - not only by us breathing it in, but by touching a surface where the droplets of microscopic virus have landed, then we touch our face. It can enter through the mucous membranes of the mouth, eyes and nose. If we practice stay away – stay apart – we might mitigate the upward rise of the disease.

There is a saying that is significant: if you have a fire on your kitchen stove you can put it out with a fire extinguisher; if your kitchen is fully ablaze it's too late. We want to exercise extreme caution, and we hope all of you will as well. Stay safe.

The best, most sensible solution for ABC BEL CANTO CHOIRS is to suspend rehearsals until after spring break (returning on Thursday April 23rd), which is what most colleges are already doing, and many schools are getting ready to do. We are also cancelling Vivace's ACDA Treble Choir Festival.

Our Board & Staff have unanimously come to this decision. We are searching for interesting ways to stay in touch, so stay tuned!

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