

Parent/Singer Survey Results (2)

BACKGROUND

Based on feedback from a prior survey, parents and singers were asked once again to offer their feedback regarding our fall operations amid the coronavirus pandemic. Surveys were open from July 15-19, the contents of which were informed by the results of the previous survey which concluded on June 18. Of the parents, 92 responses were recorded. Of the singers, 77 responses were recorded. No efforts were made to verify the identity of the parent or signer conducting the survey. The links to both surveys were sent in tandem via email and on social media. Respondents were asked to evaluate proposed health and safety measures – especially the use of masks – as well as attempting to gauge school and PCC participation inclinations.

HEALTH & SAFETY PRIORITIES

Parents and singers were asked to identify whether they were or were not in favor of specified health and safety measures that were mentioned in the previous survey.

	Combined Parents & Singers			Percentages		
	In favor	Not in favor	No opinion	In favor	Not in favor	No opinion
Temperature screening for singers, volunteers, and staff	142	1	26	<u>84%</u>	1%	15%
Staff and volunteer training on CDC guidance to reduce the likelihood of viral transmission	124	8	37	<u>73%</u>	5%	22%
Regularly scheduled, adult-supervised hand-washing	92	32	45	<u>54%</u>	19%	27%
Verbal health screenings to be conducted in-car before drop-off	91	29	49	<u>54%</u>	17%	29%
Face coverings made available for all building occupants	119	13	37	<u>70%</u>	8%	22%
Hand sanitizer should be regularly available and used	165	0	4	<u>98%</u>	0%	2%
Enhanced cleaning procedures should occur within the PCC building	157	1	12	<u>93%</u>	1%	7%
Face coverings should be required for all building occupants	85	42	42	<u>50%</u>	25%	25%
Drop-off and pick-up procedures should be modified to reduce the likelihood of mass gatherings	113	18	38	<u>67%</u>	11%	22%
Parents not assigned to specific volunteer roles should be allowed in the building during rehearsals	45	84	40	27%	<u>50%</u>	24%
Use of the hallway and common areas should be monitored	100	25	44	<u>59%</u>	15%	26%
Controlled number of singers should be set for each choir in order to practice social distancing	88	44	37	<u>52%</u>	26%	22%

HEALTH & SAFETY PRIORITIES (continued)

Based on the information provided, it's clear that parents and singers are very interested in visible alterations to our normal health and safety standards. Highlights include the frequent use of hand sanitizer, temperature screenings, and enhanced cleaning procedures. Another item of note includes the availability of face coverings (70% in favor), while their mandatory use only gained 50% support (with 25% having no opinion). About half of the respondents reported that non-volunteer parents should not be allowed access to the building (with 25% having no opinion).

USE OF MASKS

Parents and singers were asked how likely or unlikely they were to participate in PCC's programs if masks were required. This information was presented in two scenarios: (1) if the City of Pensacola continues to require masks for use within the city limits, and (2) if PCC's Board of Directors elected to make them required regardless of changes in local law.

	City Requires Masks		Board Requires Masks	
	Likely	Not Likely	Likely	Not Likely
Parents	69 (75%)	23 (25%)	65 (70%)	27 (30%)
Singers	64 (83%)	13 (17%)	55 (71%)	22 (29%)

RETURNING TO IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES

Parents and singers were asked to indicate their level of support or opposition for various operating scenarios related to in-person activities. These are presented both as individual groups and combined results. These are also compared to the results from the first survey. (NOTE: the fourth question was revised for the second survey, and therefore comparative data is not available.)

Survey 2 Results	Parents			Students			Combined		
	Support	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Return to normal rehearsal and performance schedule in September.	45 (48.9%)	26 (28.3%)	21 (22.8%)	44 (57.2%)	13 (16.9%)	20 (25.9%)	89 (52.6%)	39 (23%)	41 (24.4%)
Return to normal rehearsal and performance schedule, but later in the Fall.	44 (47.8%)	18 (19.6%)	30 (32.6%)	28 (36.4%)	19 (24.7%)	30 (38.9%)	72 (42.6%)	37 (21.9%)	60 (35.5%)
Modified rehearsal schedule where choirs meet each week in small groups.	59 (64.2%)	19 (20.6%)	14 (15.2%)	35 (45.6%)	21 (27.2%)	21 (27.2%)	94 (55.6%)	40 (23.7%)	35 (20.7%)
Create an online/remote option for families who are not comfortable with in-person participation	41 (44.6%)	30 (32.6%)	21 (22.8%)	37 (48%)	18 (23.4%)	22 (28.6%)	78 (46.1%)	48 (28.4%)	43 (25.5%)

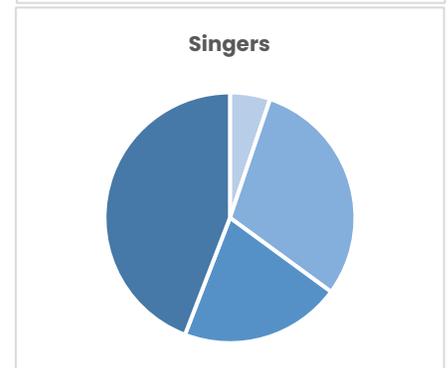
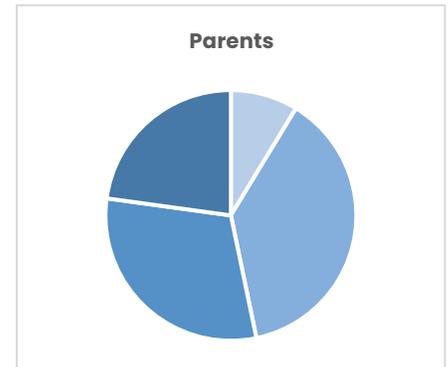
Change from Survey 1	Parents			Students			Combined		
	Support	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Return to normal rehearsal and performance schedule in September.	-24.5%	+11%	+13.5%	-5%	+1.1%	+4.9%	-17.3%	+6.2%	+11.1%
Return to normal rehearsal and performance schedule, but later in the Fall.	+33.1%	+35%	-1.9%	+18.1%	-33.2%	+3.5%	+26.6%	-33.8%	+7.2%
Modified rehearsal schedule where choirs meet each week in small groups.	+17.6%	-3.4%	-24.4%	+3.5%	-2.9%	-3%	+10.4%	0%	-4.5%

Comparing results from both surveys, parents and singers indicated that support for returning to normal at person activities is declining, although a majority of both groups still supports this action. Support for delaying the start of rehearsals to later in the fall, as well as a modified program with smaller numbers in each choir, is increasing.

FEELINGS ABOUT RETURNING TO PCC

Parents and singers were asked to evaluate their personal feelings about returning to PCC at the time of the survey, conducted June 14-18. Results were similar between both populations, but for the sake of differentiating between parent and student willingness to return to PCC in the fall, these datapoints are presented separately. Additionally, the change (% Chg) between the first and second surveys is also noted.

	Parents	% Chg	Students	% Chg
I/my child will return only if a vaccine is available.	8 (8.7%)	+7.4%	4 (5.2%)	+5.2%
I/my child will only return if health and safety measures are required.	35 (38%)	+0.7%	23 (29.9%)	-1.7%
I/my child will only return if health and safety measures are encouraged.	28 (30.4%)	-9.3%	16 (20.8%)	-18.7%
I/my child will return regardless of whatever health and safety measures are implemented.	21 (22.8%)	-0.1%	34 (44.2%)	-15.3%



SUMMARY

It is clear that the opinions of parents and singers regarding participating in PCC's in-person programs is changing, a likely result of the resurgence of COVID-19 in our local area. To this end, continued surveying of parents and singers *beyond* the announcement of formal plans ought to be considered, especially as plans need to be organically altered to conform with the latest local developments of the virus.

Despite this change, both parents and singers are interested in returning to PCC in-person in the fall. Support for pushing back the formal start time, as well as the exact number of singers permitted in each group, is increasing, and therefore should be taken into account as reopening plans are laid.

It should be noted that while not expressly presented in this summary, approximately 40% of our singers come in contact with an individual that is at higher risk of contracting COVID-19. This piece of data is significant, and must be taken into account in our reopening procedures.

In conclusion, constructing a reopening plan that makes everyone happy is not possible, nor has it ever been. However, the data from this survey and the one previous are valuable resources to add to wealth of nationwide guidance provided by the U.S. government and reputable organizations related to the safety choral singing. Our plan will not be perfect, but it can be adaptable – the trait which perhaps will prove our most vital skill and frustrating challenge in months to come.

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