

# Car-Sing Procedures and Safety Precautions

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## For Participants:

- Please do not participate if you are currently diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms consistent with an infection.
- Please bring a mask and wear it if you need to exit your vehicle or open your window when people are near.
- In general, please stay in your vehicle and leave the windows rolled up or mostly rolled up.
- Many states have idling laws that should be observed, but it won't be harmful to the rehearsal if you need to idle your car to keep your battery from draining, or to maintain air conditioning or heat.
- Tune your car radio to the predetermined channel to hear the mixed audio feed. This will vary based on the radio traffic in a given area and the choice of the facilitator.
  - Please tune to \_\_\_\_\_ for this rehearsal.
- A facilitator wearing a mask will distribute microphones to each car. The microphone will be turned on before handing it to you.
- The microphones will have cloth covers over the capsule. The covers will be washed between uses. This is for your protection and the protection of others. Nevertheless, please don't touch them to your mouth.
- A facilitator wearing a mask will collect the microphones in a bag at the end of rehearsal. Please place the microphone gently in the bag, and ideally make it a brief and no-touch experience.
- Bathrooms may not be available. Please plan accordingly.
- For extra caution, please bring hand sanitizer to use before and after the car sing, and avoid touching your face during the sing.
- Some newer cars have digital stereos that introduce unworkable delay (latency.) There may be no way to determine this before you attend a car sing for the first time. If there is latency, you may need another method to receive the FM signal, like a portable stereo. Ideally, facilitators should have a few on hand.

## Protocols to protect you and facilitators:

- We will have signs to direct people where to park, and what channel to tune the radio to.
- Microphones are disinfected after every use using disinfectant wipes on the microphone body. The facilitator will wash hands before and after this procedure. Once sterilized, they will not be handled again until the next use.
- Microphone capsules will be covered with a clean cloth cover that will be washed after every use. (Or disposable covers will be used.)
- Facilitators will wear masks when interacting with participants, and will wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer before distributing microphones and after collecting them.

\* We have had two instances already where car batteries were drained enough after a 1.5 hour rehearsal that they had trouble starting. (In both cases, the cars restarted after resting briefly.)