



Band Safety Protocols For Rehearsals

General Notes

- These safety protocols are to be followed for all in-person rehearsals by staff and students until further guidance is released allowing for an adjustment to the protocols.
- Participants must know the symptoms of COVID-19. If a staff member or student is experiencing any of the symptoms, they are not permitted to attend rehearsal and are required to stay home. Common symptoms include:
 - Cough
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Muscle Pain/Aches
 - Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing
 - Sore Throat
 - New Loss of Taste or Smell
 - Diarrhea
- Any staff member or student who has come in contact with a person who has been confirmed to have COVID-19 or someone who is experiencing any of the symptoms are not permitted to attend rehearsal and are required to stay home.
- Parents of participants are required to review and sign a waiver prior to their student(s) being permitted on school grounds and prior to being allowed any participation in in-person rehearsals.

General Safety Protocols for Participants

- Participants must observe six-foot social distancing practices during rehearsals.
- Participants must wear face coverings at all times during rehearsals while not actively participating in playing music on their instrument (percussion and guard should wear face coverings at all times).
- Participants must refrain from any physical contact with others, including high fives, fist bumps, handshakes, hugs, etc.
- Participants must not share water, equipment, instruments, or any items.
 - Communal water coolers are not permitted to be provided by the staff as has been the case in the past. Students must bring their own water bottles or water jugs for each rehearsal, and cannot be shared with anyone else.
 - Sunscreen, hats, towels, and any other items cannot be shared among participants.
- Regular hand washing and hand sanitizing are recommended, and will be encouraged frequently.

General Safety Protocols for Staff

- Staff must observe six-foot social distancing practices during rehearsals.
- Staff must wear face coverings at all times during rehearsals.
- Staff must refrain from any physical contact with others, including high fives, fist bumps, handshakes, etc.
- Staff will ensure that participants are following these safety protocols.
- Regular hand washing and hand sanitizing are recommended, and will be encouraged frequently.

General Safety Protocols for Parents and Volunteers

- Parents and Volunteers will not be permitted to enter our rehearsal facilities unless deemed essential by a Director.
- Parents and Volunteers deemed essential by a Director will follow all safety protocols outlined for Staff (see above).

Arrival to Rehearsals

- Participants and staff are required to submit to a health screening upon arriving before every rehearsal/uniform fitting, which includes a forehead temperature check and answering a few questions. Those with a temperature of greater than 100 degrees will not be permitted inside, and must return home.
- Staggered arrival times with the groupings “Woodwinds/Guard” and “Brass/Percussion” will be used during all Full Band/Band Camp rehearsals to minimize gathering upon arrival. Field Commanders will arrive with the earlier grouping to help ensure proper distancing is observed while participants are waiting to complete their health screening. For Sectionals, participants will arrive early to complete their health screenings, but staggered arrival times will not be necessary due to the small-group nature of sectionals.
- Participants are strongly recommended to travel to the rehearsal facilities alone or with a member of their immediate household.
- Participants must wear face coverings upon arrival to the campus.
- Participants will bring instruments/equipment from home, with the exception of Tubas and Percussion instruments.
 - Students are encouraged to bring only the necessary items for rehearsal. Storage space for items will be minimal.
 - Students must arrive for rehearsal with the necessary clothes already on them. Access to locker rooms will not be permitted during initial phases of rehearsals.
- Shared equipment and instruments will not be permitted for color guard or wind instruments. Any percussion instrument that must be shared will be properly sanitized between users.
- All participants and staff must adhere to social distancing while at all the rehearsal facilities.

During Rehearsals

- All participants and staff must adhere to social distancing while at all the rehearsal facilities.
- Staff must wear face coverings at all times.
- Participants must wear face coverings at all times during rehearsals while not actively participating in playing music on their instrument (percussion and guard should wear face coverings at all times).

- Participants must bring their own individual water containers, and should bring enough to last the duration of the rehearsal.
- Rehearsals will be held outside whenever possible.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to put all music in binders with plastic sleeves to help combat wind.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to have personal towels for perspiration to minimize hand-to-face contact.
- When rehearsals are held inside, six-foot physical distancing is still required. These rehearsals will be divided into sectionals when possible to allow for proper distancing in the indoor facilities.

Departing from Rehearsals

- Participants must not congregate in common areas or parking lots following rehearsals.
- Participants are strongly recommended to travel home alone or with a member or their immediate household. Participants waiting for their ride to arrive must maintain six-foot physical distance from others, and are strongly recommended to keep their face coverings on until their ride arrives.
- Participants must take their instrument/equipment (except Tubas and Percussion) and all personal belongings home after every rehearsal.
- Participants must not exchange any items.
- All participants and staff must adhere to social distancing while at all the rehearsal facilities.

After Rehearsals

- Adequate cleaning will be done for all band facilities.
- Participants are encouraged to return straight to their home and shower immediately.
- Participants are encouraged to clean/sanitize any of their belongings, including clothes and water containers as necessary after arriving home.

Frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds and frequent use of hand sanitizer is recommended before, during, and after rehearsals.