

# EES Marching Band Guidelines Beginning July 20, 2020

**All participation in rehearsals shall be voluntary and students choosing not to participate shall not have that held against them as it relates to participation in marching band in the future.**

## **Facilities Cleaning**

- Prior to an individual or groups of individuals entering the designated bathrooms, hard surfaces within that facility will be wiped down and sanitized.
  - Band staff will receive training in the proper method of cleaning and disinfecting the designated restrooms.
- Equipment that absolutely must be shared (certain percussion items) will be wiped down thoroughly with school-supplied sanitizing wipes before and after an individual's use of such equipment by trained band staff.
- Disposable gloves will be provided for the movement of percussion equipment to/from the rehearsal area.

## **Entrance/Exit Strategies**

- A separate entrance and exit shall be utilized in accordance with the plan developed by the District Director of Bands.
- Band staff shall require students to leave school grounds when the rehearsal is complete. Loitering or congregating on school grounds after the rehearsal is discouraged.

## **Limitations on Gatherings**

- No gathering of more than 50 people at a time.
- Student breaks will be conducted in "pods" of students with the same 5-10 students together to limit overall exposures.
- There must be a minimum distance of 6 feet between each individual (10' feet for trombones) at all times.
- All gatherings shall be conducted outdoors.
  - During inclement weather students will utilize pre designated areas within the buildings in coordination with the district facilities coordinator. All students/staff will wear face coverings and stay in their designated "pods." No practicing will be done indoors at this time.

## **Pre-rehearsal Screening**

- All staff and students shall wear face coverings during the pre-screening assessment.
  - After passing the screening, students will be given a ziplock bag to store their mask during rehearsal. It will be stored with their personal belongings such as an instrument case or backpack.
- A roster of all students and staff present during the rehearsal shall be completed and shall be submitted to the Director of bands for **each** rehearsal conducted. One rehearsal per roster.

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- All staff and students shall be screened daily for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to participating, including a temperature check and responding to required screening questions. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above shall not participate and be sent home. Anyone who answers "yes" to any of the screening questions, shall not participate and must be sent home.
- Individuals shall wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with warm water and soap or hand sanitizer before touching any surfaces or participating in workouts.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and located at check-in.
- Responses to screening questions for each person shall be recorded and stored.
- Any person with positive symptoms reported shall not be allowed to participate, should self-isolate, and contact their primary care provider or other health-care professional.
- Vulnerable individuals should not supervise or participate in any rehearsals.
- Appropriate clothing/shoes should be worn at all times to minimize sweat from transmitting onto equipment/surfaces.

## Face Coverings

- Staff, officials and other contest personnel shall wear face coverings at all times
- Students participating in rehearsals may wear face coverings.
- Cloth face coverings should be considered acceptable.
- Plastic shields covering the entire face will not be allowed during participation due to the risk of unintended injury to the person wearing the shield or others.

## Hygiene Practices

- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces. Hand sanitizer located at the check-in area.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow. Avoid touching your face.
- Students must be encouraged to shower and wash their rehearsal clothing immediately upon returning to home.

## Hydration/Food

- All students must bring their own water bottle. Water bottles must not be shared.
- Students will either bring food or receive food prepared by district personnel. Meal breaks will be given in their assigned "pods" of students with the same 5-10 students together to limit overall exposures. Food must not be shared.
- Hydration stations (water cows, water trough, water fountains, etc.) should not be utilized therefore students should be encouraged to bring extra water.