

Fairfield Union Local Schools

Marching Band Safety Procedures For Participants

The following specific social distancing and safety procedures will be in place at our facilities and, as applicable, during any band activities that may take place at other locations. These procedures may be updated as necessary, to adhere to any federal, state or local guidelines and/or state or local department of health orders that may be issued applicable to use of school facilities by marching band in school year 2020-2021.

Failure to follow any requirement below will result in loss of facility use and activity participation. Concerns that others are not following these safety procedures should be brought to the attention of the band director/staff immediately.

What to bring to practices and performances:

- Before you attend a practice you must have a Student/Parent Acknowledgement Form signed and on file. No exceptions.
- Your own water bottle (a gallon jug with your name is highly recommended). Water fountain use will not be permitted, and you may not share water bottles with others.
- Your own hat and towel. You may not share with others.
- Your own instrument, music, and other needed equipment for outdoor practice. You may not share with others. If you are practicing indoors and must share music or a music stand with another student, only one of you should touch the music and/or music stand.
- Mask to be worn when not actively engaged in playing an instrument. A variety of facial coverings covering the nose, mouth, and chin are acceptable. Coverings may be cloth and/or homemade.
- Wear the clothes you will be practicing or performing in; locker rooms are off limits

Social Distancing:

Keep at least six (6) feet in all directions, more when possible, between all individuals at all times, with limited exception as necessary when being transported by bus to an event (this includes staff as well as other students). The recommendation for social distancing for trombone players is at least nine (9) feet by six (6) feet. During bus transportation, maximum possible social distancing must be maintained and siblings should sit together. Practices will occur outdoors whenever possible.

Pre-Practice Screening:

Participants must perform a symptom check that includes taking their temperature (if they have a thermometer at home) before arriving to the activity. If any of the following apply, Participants must stay home and must notify the Band Director:

- a. has a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit,
- b. is exhibiting any other symptom of illness or COVID-19 (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/families-and-individuals/how-you-can-prevent-and-prepare/COVID-19-Symptoms-Infographic>), or
- c. has been exposed to any person who has tested positive or is presumed positive for COVID-19 in the past fourteen (14) days.

Participants must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon first entering school facilities or at the end of the school day before coming to practice, as applicable. Hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies will be provided.

Sign in and Monitoring Questions will take place in the check-in location. While waiting to be checked in, keep at least 6 feet between all individuals at all times. ***Note - if participants have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or other illness, and/or refuse to answer monitoring questions, they will be sent home.** In addition, if symptoms develop during practice, the Participant will be immediately isolated and sent home.

Facilities and Equipment Cleaning:

Any school-owned equipment used must be wiped down before and after each use. For example, this means that each Participant must wipe down a music stand or large instrument such as a marimba before the next person uses it. The check-in location will be sanitized daily.

Miscellaneous:

The no-touch rule is in effect for marching band. This means no high fives, handshakes, group huddles, or other similar contact. No spitting or chewing gum or other similar products is permitted.

Participants must remain in their car until any previous groups have cleaned up and left the area. Similarly, Participants must leave school grounds as soon as their activity is over.

Restrictions On Parents

Those who are not directly participating or instructing will not be permitted to attend practices or enter our rehearsal facilities.