

EPS Summer Band Preparations

July Private and Group Lessons

*Clarification- these are proposals we have submitted to our administration. We haven't yet received confirmation that they will be sufficient. Our hope is this can serve as a jumping off point for other band directors to submit their own proposals or plans to their administrators. This also covers mostly sectional type gatherings and doesn't have a bearing yet on band camp, a bridge we will cross as soon as we know if this proposal will be accepted.

As we prepare for our marching band seasons, we would like to begin rehearsals with our students. Below are our recommended rehearsal guidelines for rehearsals beginning on July 6th, 2020

Overall Preparation and Policies

- We will encourage employees and students who are sick or who recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 to stay home.
- Staff and students should stay home if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Staff and students who recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should also stay home and monitor their health.
- Hand sanitizer spray bottles will be available throughout all areas.
- No touch thermometers will be provided to staff for use.
- On the first occasion of meeting/rehearsal: Day 1 of lessons students will be taught protocol for:
 - a. Entrances and Exits
 - b. Cleaning/Sanitizing protocol
 - c. What to do if not feeling well
 - d. What social distance looks like in the band room, football field, and other rehearsal areas
 - e. Those students not turning a permission form will be given one to hand in the following session.
- Pre-screening Questions that will be asked each day:
 - Do you have a fever?
 - Do you have a cough?
 - Do you have any flu-like symptoms?
 - Please use hand sanitizer before and after our rehearsal today.

Private & Small Group Lessons Logistics

Band Room Lessons

- Individual and group lessons no larger 15 students will meet indoors
- Lessons will be optional and parent and student permission waivers will be required before participation

- Students will come in main doors that will be propped open.
- As students enter the band room a staff member will take their temperature and ask required survey questions (pre-screening questions).
- Students will put their instrument cases & water bottles in a prescribed area of the band room (4 feet apart).
- Students will sit in chairs that have been sanitized before and in between lessons.
- Students will grab a paper towel as they enter the band room doors and use it to empty the condensation from their water keys by absorbing and containing it to be thrown in the trash by the student.
- After lessons students, will put their instruments away and exit through the band room double doors and out the building using a predetermined door.
- There will be a 15-minute window between lessons that will be used to sanitize the chairs and stands.
- Students will be kept in the same small group each week, typically organized by instrument.
- Teachers will wear masks, and students will be encouraged to wear masks when possible. Percussionists will be encouraged to wear gloves and will be required to sanitize their sticks before and after use.

Auditorium Lessons

- Individual lessons and group lessons no larger than 15 students will meet indoors.
- Lessons will be optional and parent and student permission waivers will be required before participation
- Students will come in main doors that will be propped open and proceed to the auditorium through the doors that will be propped open.
- As students enter the auditorium a staff member will take their temperature and ask required pre-screening questions.
- Students will put their instrument cases & water bottles in a prescribed area of the auditorium (4 feet apart).
- Students will sit in chairs on stage that have been sanitized before and in between lessons.
- Students will grab a paper towel as they enter the auditorium and use it to empty the condensation from their water keys by absorbing and containing it to be thrown in the trash by the student.
- After lessons students will put their instruments away and exit through a predetermined door.
- There will be a 15-minute window between lessons that will be used to sanitize the chairs and stands.
- Students will be kept in the same small group each week, typically organized by instrument.

- Teachers will wear masks, and students will be encouraged to wear masks when possible. Percussionists will be encouraged to wear gloves and will be required to sanitize their sticks before and after use.

Student Leadership Team Meetings

- Student leadership team meetings no larger 23 students will meet indoors. These are static groups that will not change from week to week.
- Meetings will be optional and parent and student permission waivers will be required before participation.
- Students will come in main doors that will be propped open and proceed to the auditorium or gym through the doors that will be propped open.
- As students enter the auditorium or gym a staff member will take their temperature and ask required pre-screening questions.
- Students will put their instrument cases & water bottles in a predetermined, marked location. (4 feet apart)
- Students will sit in chairs that have been sanitized before and in between meetings.
- Students will grab a paper towel as they enter the auditorium or gym and use it to empty the condensation from their water keys by absorbing and containing it to be thrown in the trash by the student.
- After meetings students will put their instruments away and exit through a predetermined door.
- There will be a 15-minute window between any meetings that will be used to sanitize the chairs and stands.
- Teachers will wear masks, and students will be encouraged to wear masks when possible. Percussionists will be encouraged to wear gloves and will be required to sanitize their sticks before and after use.

Ensemble Rehearsals

- Rehearsals will be conducted outside in a football field sized environment.
- Rehearsals will be optional and parent and student permission waivers will be required before participation
- Staff members will take participants' temperature and ask required pre-screening questions as they arrive to rehearsal.
- Participants will meet outside and will leave immediately after the conclusion of rehearsal.
- Participants will bring their own water bottles and snacks and will be assigned a spot to put them to ensure social distancing during water and snack breaks.
- Participants will at all times be staged no closer than 6 feet apart in any direction.
- Group sizes will follow current DHM guidelines.
- Students will be given paper towels to empty condensation as needed throughout the rehearsal by absorbing and containing it to be thrown in the trash by the student without assembling in one spot or allowing the fluids to be blown into the air.

- Students will be organized in groups by instrument. Even within these small groups, distance will be maintained, but there will be no mingling from group to group.
- Teachers will wear masks, and students will be encouraged to wear masks when possible. Percussionists will be encouraged to wear gloves and will be required to sanitize their sticks before and after use.

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