

COVID-19 MISD BAND REHEARSAL GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES (PHASE 1)

PHASE 1 REHEARSAL DATE RANGE:

- The following phase 1 rehearsal guidelines and procedures specifically apply to optional small group rehearsals held between June 15th and July 19th, 2020.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- All MISD High School bands will follow all guidelines created by MISD with all necessary pre-cautions, procedures, and mandates from state and local officials, MISD, TEA, UIL, and the CDC.

AT HOME PRE-SCREENING:

- All students will complete a COVID-19 Daily Symptom Pre-Screen Questionnaire prior to each daily rehearsal.
 - Students will be instructed to complete and submit the questionnaire prior to leaving home and traveling to campus.
 - Daily Symptom Pre-Screen Questionnaire responses will be evaluated by band directors for approval at the pre-screening check-in location on campus.
 - Those students who did not successfully complete and submit the questionnaire from home prior to arrival on campus will be required to complete the questionnaire at the pre-screening check-in location using their own device.

GENERAL STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Students will be required to follow all social distancing guidelines posted.
 - 10 feet apart on all sides while actively working
 - 6 feet apart on all sides while not actively working
- Students are required to bring their own filled water jug or personal hydration backpack.
- Students are required to bring a face covering labeled with their first and last name.
- Students are required to bring a personal towel from home labeled with their first and last name.
- Students are strongly encouraged to bring a small backpack or bag to keep all personal items secure as the use of instrument lockers will not be permitted.
- Students will be required to wash hands for at least 20 seconds within the campus restrooms upon entering and exiting all facilities.
- Students will not congregate before, during, or after rehearsals. Upon completion of rehearsal students must leave campus with parent or in separate vehicles.
- No shared food, water, instruments, or equipment is permitted.

FACILITY ENTRY AND EXIT PROCEDURES:

- Both students and staff will follow strict procedures when entering and exiting facilities.
 - Refer to the included campus map for designated student drop-off, student pick-up, parking, and pre-screening check-in areas.
 - Prompt student drop-off and student pick-up is required.
 - Once students arrive at the drop-off area and have exited the vehicle, parents/guardians should leave the area. Only students will be permitted to enter the facility.
 - Students driving themselves to campus will park in the designated area and proceed to designated pre-screening check-in area.
 - Students will check in prior to the start of each rehearsal/practice.
 - Students will stand on 6' markings in a single file line for pre-screen check-in.

CAMPUS PRE-SCREENING CHECK-IN PROCEDURES:

- Band directors will manage the pre-screening check-in area.
- The following procedures will be used at the pre-screen check-in area.
 - Students will be instructed to complete and submit the COVID-19 Daily Symptom Pre-Screen Questionnaire prior to leaving home and traveling to campus. Those students who did not successfully complete and submit the questionnaire from home prior to arrival on campus will be required to complete the questionnaire at the pre-screening check-in location using their own device.
 - Any student with a "yes" answer on the pre-screen questionnaire will not be permitted to participate and will be sent home immediately. See Pre-Screener Flow Chart for more details.
 - Students will have their body temperature taken using a contact free thermometer.
 - Any student with a body temperature over 99.9 degrees will not be permitted to participate and will be sent home immediately and will not be permitted on campus until they have been fever-free for at least 48 continuous hours.

REHEARSAL GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES:

- Rehearsals will last no more than two hours, preferably at times when the heat is most manageable.
- Rehearsals may consist of playing fundamentals, marching fundamentals, strength/conditioning, and colorguard fundamentals.
- Outdoor group size will be limited to approximately 60 students.
- Indoor group size will not exceed the current UIL recommendation of 50% room capacity.
 - Groups will be primarily made-up of section leaders and incoming freshman.
 - PA system will be used to give large groups general instructions.
 - Individual instructors will be assigned to teach and monitor each small group.
 - Students will only use their own equipment; ex. Instruments, water bottles, etc.
 - Students will maintain 10 feet of separation from one another throughout all rehearsal activities.
 - Students will maintain 6 feet of separation from one another while on breaks.
 - Staff will monitor students at all times to ensure UIL safety protocols are being met.

CAMPUS RESTROOM USE GUIDELINES:

- Restroom doors will remain propped open.
- Students will be permitted to use the restroom on a one-at-a-time basis only.
- Campus custodians will be notified which restrooms to clean and disinfect following each rehearsal.

GENERAL CLEANING AND DISINFECTING GUIDELINES:

- Any school-owned equipment, such as percussion instruments, chairs, music stands, and PA equipment, will be disinfected using anti-bacterial/anti-viral wipes both immediately prior to and immediately following each rehearsal.
- School-owned equipment will not be shared by students within each rehearsal group.
- Door handles will be disinfected using anti-bacterial/anti-viral wipes both immediately prior to and immediately following each rehearsal.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE**UIL MARCHING BAND ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED OUTDOORS RISK MANAGEMENT**

- Schools should limit the total number of participants based on available space to allow for the appropriate distancing between students and staff.
- Any equipment, such as keyboard instruments, should be regularly disinfected during practice sessions. This equipment should not be shared between groups. After a group has used such equipment, that equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before being used by a different group.

UIL MARCHING BAND ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED INDOORS RISK MANAGEMENT

- Indoor practices and rehearsals can be conducted up to a maximum of 25% room capacity through June 21. This will increase to a maximum of 50% room capacity on June 22.
- Schools should limit the total number of participants based on available space to allow for the appropriate distancing between students and staff.
- Any equipment, such as keyboard instruments, should be regularly disinfected during practice sessions. This equipment should not be shared between groups. After a group has used such equipment, that equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before being used by a different group.

<https://www.uilTEXAS.org/music/marching-band/marching-band-summer-practices-rehearsals-2020>