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COVID-19 Summer Marching Band Practices and Rehearsals

Clayton County Public schools will begin summer marching band practices and rehearsals under the requirements listed below. CCPS will continue to monitor the CDC and other federal guidance to determine any potential modifications.

The district will take the local context into account when deciding whether to offer summer practices and rehearsals on campus by monitoring the situation on the [Georgia Department of Public Health](#).

Requirements for All Practices and Rehearsals

Schools must follow all requirements of state and local authorities in addition to the requirements below:

- Attendance at practices and rehearsals will be optional for students and in compliance with the rules for summer marching band practices and rehearsals. Schools will consider the following options:
 - On-campus
 - Virtual practices
 - Electronically delivered practice instructions
 - Any other delivery model must be approved by the Department of Fine Arts.
- Attendance records must be kept. Students will not be required to make up missed days or practices.
- To avoid excess usage of restrooms/locker rooms, students must report to practices and rehearsals in proper attire.
- During practices and rehearsals, staff must ensure appropriate social distancing, hygiene, and safety measures are implemented.
- All surfaces in practice and rehearsal areas must be thoroughly disinfected throughout and at the end of each day.
- No clothing or towels may be laundered on site or shared during practices and rehearsals. Students must arrive with their individual towels.
- There can be no shared water or food.
- Before the start of summer practices and rehearsals, and at the start of every week of summer practices and rehearsals, schools will pre-screen all students for COVID symptoms that they or others living in their house may experience. This can be done by phone prior to the first day of practices or rehearsals, in person or in writing. Students and staff must self-screen every day for COVID-19 symptoms for themselves and family

members. Schools will take the temperature of each student each day at the start of the session.

- Schools will plan for entry and exit procedures that reduce the number of students and parents congregating outside and/or mixing around the practice areas and parking areas. Schools will implement a staggering start and end times, assigning students to entries and exits to ensure even distribution of students entering/exiting at each entry point, providing guidance to students to enter one at a time and wait six feet apart outside the entrance.
- Students and staff must maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when not actively practicing or rehearsing. When actively practicing and rehearsing, students and staff must maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides. Schools should consider requiring students who are not actively practicing to wear cloth face masks.
- Indoor practices and rehearsals can be conducted up to a maximum of 25% capacity.
- Schools will limit the total number of participants based on available space to allow for the appropriate distancing between students and staff.
- Any equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before and after each use. If a student uses a piece of equipment, that equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before another student uses it. Schools will limit the use of equipment to further reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

*Schools will have students remain with a single group or cohort to minimize the number of students and staff that must isolate if a case is confirmed. See **Positive Cases and Staff or Students Showing COVID Symptoms** at the bottom of this document.

Marching Band Activities:

Risk Mitigation

- Students and staff must maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when not actively practicing or rehearsing. When actively practicing and rehearsing, students and staff must maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when possible.
- Schools will limit the total number of participants based on available space to allow for the appropriate distancing between students and staff.
- Students will be placed in working groups no larger than 20 total students. Each working group will maintain appropriate distance from other working groups.
- Indoor practices and rehearsals can be conducted up to a maximum of 25% capacity.
- 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.

POSITIVE CASES AND STAFF OR STUDENTS SHOWING COVID SYMPTOMS

- If a positive case is identified among a participant in these summer activities, either staff or student, the group to which that staff or student was assigned and in contact with must be removed from the sessions while all members of the group self-isolate. If the

confirmed individual regularly had close contact outside a single group, then all of the students and staff with whom the confirmed individual had close contact shall be removed from practices and rehearsals for two weeks.

- Schools will have students remain with a single group or cohort to minimize the number of students and staff that must isolate if a case is confirmed.
- Example: If a student in one cohort tests positive for COVID, the student and that one cohort must isolate. If that student was part of several cohorts, then the student and all of the cohorts they were a member of would have to isolate.
- Any staff member or student who experiences any of the symptoms of COVID (listed below) should self-isolate until the below conditions have been met.
 - In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may visit when all three of the following criteria are met: at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath); and at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
 - Any staff or student who experiences any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) will not be allowed to participate in summer activities until they have presented the appropriate medical professional's clearance affirming that they are not COVID-19 positive or, if they do not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, until the student has completed the same three step criteria listed above.
- Any student or staff member living with someone who experiences any of the symptoms of COVID, whether they have a positive COVID test or not, should self-isolate for two weeks. If they do not experience any COVID symptoms during that period, they can return to summer practice/rehearsal. If they experience symptoms, they must self-isolate until the conditions outlined above have been met.

COVID Symptoms for Screening

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste of smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who a lab has confirmed to have COVID-19

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