

WISD Return to Band Practice Info

The Director of Bands will conduct meetings and train band directors that will be leading summer sessions with the intent to fully comply with the guidelines set forth by the UIL and state and federal agencies.

Summer band development sessions are not mandatory for students. Directors will continue to provide alternate plans to assist students that choose to continue to shelter in place.

Pre-Rehearsal Screening

- All directors and students will be screened for COVID-19 prior to a workout. Screening includes a temperature and symptom check.
- All directors and students will submit a WISD COVID-19 screening form at the beginning of each week prior to workout. Available online.
- Responses to screening questions for each person will be recorded and stored so that there is a record of everyone present in case a student develops COVID-19.
- Any person with positive symptoms reported will not be allowed to take part in rehearsals and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate health-care professional for further evaluation.

Restrictions

- Students are expected to wear masks when not practicing
- Band storage rooms will be closed and not be available
- There can be no shared water or food
- Water fountains will not be available
- No physical contact between directors and students (i.e. high five, pat on the back)
- Bathrooms will be designated (Only one student at time will be allowed to enter/exit)
 - WHS band halls will use restrooms located in the Theater Hall
 - WHS outdoor spaces will use concession restrooms
- Entrances and exits will be separate to maintain social distancing
- Indoor facilities will be limited to 50% of max capacity with a no grouping limitations
- Band Hall 1-36
- Band Hall 2-15
- Band Hall 3-13

Cleaning and Disinfecting Facilities and Equipment

- All instruments and shared items will be Spray Disinfectanted between each use
- Allow solution to be on the equipment for at least 1 minute
- Wipe dry before next use
- Handwashing Stations are Bathrooms used above
- Hand sanitizer stations will be accessible for student access before, during and after rehearsals

Exhibiting Signs or Positive COVID-19 Case

- 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 workouts for two weeks.
- 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 return when all three of the following criteria are met:
 1. at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 2. the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);
 3. a minimum of ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to workout until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to workout before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- 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 workouts. If they experience symptoms, they must self-isolate until the conditions outlined above have been met.