

2020 Maypearl Panther Band Safety Protocols

(Based on UIL Guidelines as of 7/24/20)



Prior to rehearsal **each day** as students and staff arrive, they must have their temperature checked and complete the online symptom check (available via QR code or link when they arrive). <https://forms.gle/VshHeYuS5TQrt6NM8>

The health screen questions will include:

1. Name, date, and time of check-in
2. Have you been in close contact with someone having a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19?
3. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms (which are not normal for you) in the past 24 hours, which have been identified as symptoms of COVID-19?
Fever (temperature greater than or equal to 100F), Loss of taste or smell, Cough, Difficulty breathing, Shortness of breath, Headache, Chills, Sore throat, Shaking or exaggerated shivering, Significant muscle pain or ache, Diarrhea

Students are expected to provide their own mask or cloth face covering during rehearsals and performances, and they should be worn at all times. (We will have a few masks available on site, so contact a director if you cannot provide your own.) Exceptions to the wearing of face coverings or face shields include:

- o While playing a wind instrument;
- o Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
- o While a person is consuming food or drink;
- o When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social distancing; or
- o Any other reason or circumstance indicated under Executive Order GA-29

Students are highly encouraged to wash hands and/or use sanitizer frequently (i.e. during water breaks), and must maintain a 6ft social distance during breaks. This will be constantly monitored by staff and student leadership to help keep our students safe.

As stated above per UIL guidelines, when we have a break outdoors, students may remove masks as long as they keep a 6ft social distance. They must put their mask back on before reentering the building. Per UIL guidelines, students should **not share food or drink** while at rehearsal, so it is important that everyone has their own water jug! The Boosters will be able to feed students as they normally do, with additional safety guidelines.

In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:

- at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (without the use of fever-reducing medications);
- the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
- at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID-19 via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.

Surfaces and equipment will be disinfected at the end of each rehearsal day, but **students should avoid sharing equipment** such as drumsticks, music stands, chairs, etc.

For more information, please contact the directors, Mr. Davis or Mr. Chance. Despite these new guidelines to increase safety for our students, we still plan to have a fun and successful year!