

2020 FALL GUIDELINES FOR MARCHING BAND AND ROCKETTES

The safety of our students, directors, advisers and Bay Village community is our primary focus as we start to resume school sponsored activities such as marching band and Rockettes. The following guidelines and procedures will be implemented until further notice and will be updated as needed, based on new information and guidance from national, state and local governments and agencies. Failure of any student to follow these guidelines may result in exclusion from activities as deemed appropriate by the supervising director or adviser.

The information in this document has been gathered from mandates, recommendations and guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Ohio Department of Health (ODH), National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), the Cleveland Clinic, and has been reviewed by the Bay Village City School District.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

1. **FACE COVERINGS:** Decreasing potential exposure to respiratory droplets is the guiding principle behind social distancing and the use of face coverings. The use of cloth face coverings is meant to decrease the spread of respiratory droplets. We will be using face coverings anytime we are not playing our instrument.
2. **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** All activities should follow social distancing guidelines with designated space for each student 6 feet apart from one another.
3. **NO TOUCH RULE:** All individuals must avoid physical contact with others including high fives, huddles, or other close contact occurring before, during, and after practices. No congregation should occur before or after the practice session.
4. **DAILY SYMPTOM CHECKS:** Directors and students must do a self-symptom check daily. Directors will conduct symptom checks prior to the start of all activities. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
5. **CONTACT TRACING:** Directors will check in students at each practice and maintain that information for potential contact tracing. Directors and students are asked to keep track of contact with any individual throughout their day for potential contact tracing.
6. **SANITATION MATERIALS:** Bay will provide sanitation materials including but not limited to soap, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, sanitizing spray, and paper towels. Students and directors are encouraged to bring their own product to supplement sanitizing materials at our facilities.

OVERALL RETURN TO PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS, DIRECTORS, AND ADVISERS

BEFORE ACTIVITIES

- Be symptom free for 14 days prior to activity
- Stay home if you are sick or do not feel well
- Wash and sanitize your hands often; avoid touching your face, eyes or mouth
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow if you cough or sneeze
- Practice social distancing regularly
- Wear face covering to reduce potential exposure to respiratory droplets
- Keep list of people you have been in contact with each day
- Be aware and disclose any potential contacts with affected individuals
- Symptom checks will be done by directors of students prior to activity
- All symptom checks will be done at the directors' designated area
- Students, directors, and advisers, must wash their hands before starting activities

DURING ACTIVITIES

- Refrain from attending any activity if displaying any COVID-19 symptoms
- Comply with all state and local regulations, and any regulations approved by the Bay Village City School District
- Wash and sanitize your hands often; avoid touching your face, eyes or mouth
- No touch rule applies to all activities
- Practice social distancing as much as possible

- Students wear face covering before and after practice, and when not playing a wind instrument during practice
- Directors and advisers wear face covering throughout activity
- Bring your own water bottles, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes
- Students must not share water bottles, clothing, or other personal items
- Properly dispose of sanitizing wipes and/or paper towels when used
- Keep list of people you were in contact with during activity

AFTER ACTIVITIES

- Wash and sanitize your hands often; avoid touching your face, eyes or mouth
- Monitor your health and report any symptoms after every activity
- Practice social distancing regularly
- Wear face covering to reduce potential exposure to respiratory droplets
- Wash and sanitize all gear, uniforms and apparel used during the activity
- There will be no lost and found for left items; any item left will be thrown away

PRE-PRACTICE/CONTACT SCREENING:

- All directors, advisers, and students should be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to a practice, to include temperature checks.
- Responses to screening questions should be recorded and stored for contact tracing purposes if a COVID-19 infection occurs.
- Vulnerable individuals can participate in public interactions, but should practice physical distancing, minimizing exposure to social settings where distancing may not be practical, unless precautionary measures are observed/implemented.

LIMITATIONS ON GATHERINGS:

- Size of practicing groups will be subject to state, local, and district guidelines.
- When not directly participating in practices, care should be taken to maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet between each individual.
- Directors, advisers, and students should wear masks before and after all practices, and during practices when not playing a wind instrument.

FACILITIES CLEANING:

- Adequate cleaning schedules should be created and implemented for all music facilities.
- Prior to an individual or group entering a facility, all hard surfaces within that facility should be wiped down and sanitized. Hard surface examples include but are not limited to chairs, furniture, and bathrooms.
- Individuals should wash their hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap before touching any surfaces or participating in practices.
- Hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available to individuals.
- Shirts and shoes should be worn at all times
- Students should be encouraged to shower upon returning home.

MUSIC EQUIPMENT:

- All equipment should be cleaned intermittently during practices and between practices/sessions.
- Hand sanitizer should be readily available.

HYDRATION:

- All students should bring their own water bottle, and water bottles should not be shared.