



GLENOAK HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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GlenOak High School Marching Band COVID-19 Guidance and Protocols

Staff Guidelines:

1. Staff will wear masks when indoors or outdoors when in close proximity to others (6 ft. or less). Staff will be screened daily with a temperature check and symptom check (*coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing, fever chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell*) or coming in contact with a person confirmed to have COVID-19. Anyone exposed or exhibiting symptoms must stay home.
2. Staff will check-in all students at the start of each rehearsal and take attendance. Check-in will include screening of every participant for symptoms of COVID-19 or contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19 and logging results of the screening on the appropriate attendance form. Attendance forms are turned in daily to Chris Irwin and kept so that contact tracing can occur if needed. Participate symptoms include *coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing, fever chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell*. Students reporting to rehearsal exhibiting symptoms will be sent home for 14 days.
3. Staff will adhere to guidelines suggested by the *ad hoc* committee formed by the Stark County ESC, Department of Health, and Plain Local Schools. The six foot social distancing guideline will be followed at all times. Staff will also monitor students for social distancing while on campus.
4. Rehearsals will take place outside whenever possible. Should rehearsals move indoors, NFHS guidelines for each phase will be followed.
5. Staff will ensure proper facility and equipment cleaning is taking place after each rehearsal.
6. Staff includes Plain Local employees and any properly screened personnel deemed essential.

Student Guidelines:

1. Students must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when on campus. This includes before, during, and after rehearsal. Students are discouraged from car-pooling.
2. Students, parents, and guardians must know the symptoms of COVID-19. Upon arrival, students will be asked to self-evaluate symptoms. Anyone experiencing symptoms, or anyone who has had direct contact with those experiencing symptoms (i.e. family members) will be sent home.
3. Students must wear face coverings at all times while not actively playing their instrument.
4. Students will refrain from high fives, handshakes, and all other physical contact with others.
5. Students must not share water, equipment or instruments. Belongings should be used only by the individual owner or operator including, but not limited to water bottles, instruments, and other items needed for rehearsal. Students should bring enough water for the entire rehearsal to prevent the need for refilling.
6. Students are encouraged to bring a towel for individual use to minimize hand-to-face contact.
7. Regular hand washing and hand sanitizing are recommended. Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer when handwashing facilities are not available. Restrooms will be limited to emergency use only and only 1 student at a time with an emphasis on hand washing.
8. Students will be asked to carefully observe that all other participants are following these protocols. Any concerns must be brought to an instructor.
9. Students will be required to leave the rehearsal location at the end of the practice and take all their belongings home. The only exception will be students with sousaphones and percussion who may store them in the band room until the next rehearsal.
10. Students should not share rides and should leave campus immediately following rehearsal.

Arrival To Campus:

1. When arriving on the GlenOak campus, students should report to the designated area, dressed for practice, and having all necessary equipment. Screening will occur with the same staff member each day. Any student or staff member exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will need to go home. *See schedule for assigned starting location.*
2. Parents will drop-off students in the following locations:
Locations TBA prior to band camp.
3. Students who drive will park in the upper Faculty Lot.
4. There will be no instrument storage locker access or practice room usage at this time.
5. Students will not congregate in common locations. Social distancing and face masks/coverings will be required at all times.

Rehearsals:

1. Students will not share music or music stands (except percussion). All student must have individual flip folders and lyres.
2. Rehearsal participate numbers will comply with NFHS recommendations for the current phase of operation. This also includes location recommendations.
3. Staff will have assigned groups of students with designated rehearsal locations to report daily. Staff will also have designated points of entry and rehearsal locations in the event of inclement weather. The use of indoor rehearsal spaces will comply with guidance provided by NFHS to maintain proper social distancing. Indoor facilities will be clearly marked to aid in social distancing during rehearsal. Maximum occupancy for each room based on square footage required for social distancing: *Band Room, 53; Music Auxiliary Room, 20; Stage, 64; Black Box Theater, 31; Dance Studio, 28; Choir Room, 25; Auxiliary Gym, 130.*
6. When not actively playing the instrument, students will wear a face mask/face covering.
7. Sectional rehearsals prior to band camp will occur in small groups and serve to orient students to all the necessary guidelines required when the full band is on campus.
8. Individual bottled water will be on hand should students not bring their own water.
9. Only essential staff will be present at rehearsals.
10. Refer to page 1, Student Guidelines and Staff Guidelines, for individual student responsibilities.

After Rehearsal & Departure:

1. Students and staff should maintain proper social distancing when leaving campus at all times. Students will be leaving from multiple locations to aid in social distancing. No congregating in the common and/or parking lot areas.
2. Parent pick-up will occur in the same location as the initial drop-off.
3. Students will take all their belongings home and be encouraged to shower/bathe immediately. Sousaphones and percussion may store their instruments in the band room.
4. Students should sanitize their instruments after returning home.
5. Staff will ensure proper facility and equipment cleaning is taking place after each rehearsal.