

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



The health and safety of students and faculty remains the top priority for our bands at NC. Guidelines for in-person rehearsals have been constructed with the guidance from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), National Association for Music Education (NAfME), and the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA). For reference, we would be operating in Phase II of Indiana's Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Re-entry Considerations found in IDOE's IN-CLASS COVID-19 Health and Safety Considerations document.



HEALTH-RELATED PRECAUTIONS

- Procedures outlined by the district re-opening plan will be followed regarding individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, show symptoms of COVID-19, or have been directed to self-quarantine.
- Students considered to be vulnerable individuals should seek medical guidance as to the level of their participation in the Marching Panthers or Pantherettes.

MARCHING BAND & PANTHERETTES REHEARSAL PROCEDURES

- **LOCATION:** Rehearsals will primarily take place on the marching band practice lot outside of Door 24. In case of bad weather, rehearsals may be indoors (socially distanced in the NC gymnasiums or auditorium) or, with enough notice for students, cancelled.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Social distancing of 3-6 feet will be observed during rehearsal and break times. Marching drill design will incorporate physical distancing.
- **FACE COVERINGS:** Students will bring and wear their own face covering when not playing their instrument or engaged in rigorous activity. Staff will wear face coverings throughout the rehearsal unless engaged in rigorous activity.
- **BELL COVERS:** Woodwind and brass players will use bell covers whenever it is necessary to move a rehearsal inside to the NC gymnasiums or auditorium in case of colder temperatures or bad weather (see Rehearsal Location procedure above). These will be provided by MSDWT.
- **PERSONNEL:** Only students and band staff will be in attendance at in-person rehearsals.
- **INSTRUMENT STORAGE:** Students will not store their instrument at school. The only exception to this is for students who play percussion and sousaphone. All other students will bring their instrument to rehearsals from home. Students will have their own equipment/instrument – No sharing instruments of any kind.
- **WATER:** Students must bring their own water cooler and should not plan on having water fountains available inside the building. Students will not share water coolers with other students.
- **PLAYING INSTRUMENTS:** There will be absolutely no playing of instruments by any students at any time except when under the direct supervision of an instructor.
- **RESTROOMS:** Restrooms will be available inside the building. However, students are encouraged to use the restroom before they come to rehearsal.
- **POST-REHEARSAL:** It is strongly recommended that students immediately return home to shower and launder clothing that was worn during rehearsal.