



North East School District Marching Band Preliminary Health and Safety Plan

The decision to resume marching band-related activities, including practices and performances, is within the discretion of a school entity's governing body. Each school entity must develop and adopt a Marching Band Health and Safety Plan aligning to the PDE Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Pre-K to 12 Schools prior to conducting music-related activities with students. The plan must include the provisions of this guidance, be approved by the local governing body of the school entity, and be posted on the school entity's publicly available website. School entities should also consider whether the implementation of the plan requires the adoption of a new policy or revision of an existing policy.

Each school entity should continue to monitor its Marching Band Health and Safety Plan throughout the year and update as needed. All revisions should be reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the school entity's public website.

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Marching Band Health and Safety Plan: North East School District

All decision-makers should be mindful that as long as there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, there are no strategies that completely eliminate transmission risk within a school population. The goal is to keep transmission as low as possible to safely continue school activities. All school activities must be informed by Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania. The administration has categorized reopening into three broad phases: red, yellow, or green. These designations signal how counties and/or regions may begin easing some restrictions on school, work, congregate settings, and social interactions:

- Red Phase: Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and no sports are allowed in counties designated as being in the Red Phase.
- Yellow Phase and Green Phase: Schools may resume sports-related activities after developing a written Athletics Health and Safety Plan, to be approved by the local governing body (e.g. board of directors/trustees) and posted on the school entity's publicly available website.

Use this template to document your LEA's plan to bring back student band members and staff, how you will communicate the type with stakeholders in your community, and the process for continued monitoring of local health data to assess implications for school music-related activity operations and potential adjustments throughout the school year.

Your school entity should account for changing conditions in your local Marching Band Health and Safety Plan to ensure seamless transition from more to less restrictive conditions in each of the phase requirements as needed. Depending upon the public health conditions in any county within the Commonwealth, there could be additional actions, orders, or guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and/or the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) designating the county as being in the red, yellow, or green phase. Some counties may not experience a straight path from a red designation, to a yellow, and then a green designation. Instead, cycling back and forth between less restrictive to more restrictive designations may occur as public health indicators improve or worsen.

Resuming Marching Band Related Activities

Key Questions

- How do you plan to bring student band members and staff back to physical school buildings, particularly if social distancing is still required?
- How did you engage stakeholders in the decision to resume marching band-related activities, including try-outs, practices, and performances?
- How will you communicate your plan to your local music and school communities?
- Once you resume marching band-related activities, what will the decision-making process look like to prompt a school closure or other significant modification to music activities?

Anticipated launch date for marching band related activities: July 6, 2020

INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented music ensembles across the world with a myriad of challenges. The COVID-19 virus is a highly contagious illness that primarily attacks the upper respiratory system. The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. Research from the Centers for Disease Control, among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized. However, some severe outcomes have been reported in children, and a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread the infection to others who may be far more vulnerable. While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, directors, and their families.

The NESD will take the necessary precautions and recommendations from the federal, state, and local governments, CDC, PA DOH, as well as the NFHS and PIAA. The NESD realizes the knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing as new information and treatments become available. These recommendations will be adjusted as needed as new information becomes available in order to decrease the risk of exposure for our staff, students, and spectators.

RESUMPTION OF MARCHING BAND ACTIVITIES

Recommendations for ALL LEVELS

1. Band Members, Directors, and Staff will undergo a COVID-19 health screening prior to any practice, event, or team meeting. The type of screening will be dependent upon the available resources and the Phase level. The purpose is to check for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Non-touch temporal scan of a temperature higher than 99.5 or orally taken temperature higher than 100.4.
2. Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing (20 seconds with warm water and soap) and employees wearing a cloth face covering as feasible. (Face coverings are recommended to help decrease potential exposure to COVID-19 respiratory droplets by an infected individual. Face Coverings will not be used for band members while practicing or competing.) Hand Sanitizer will be available for team use as resources allow.
3. Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation in all facilities
4. Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups, if feasible
5. Educate Band Members, Directors, and Staff on health and safety protocols
6. Anyone who is sick must stay home
7. Plan in place if a student or employee gets sick
8. Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures
9. Band Members and Directors **MUST** provide their own water bottle for hydration. Water bottles must not be shared.
10. PPE (gloves, masks, eye protection) will be used as needed and situations warrant, or determined by local/state governments.

11. Identify Staff and students who may be at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions. (See - CDC “People Who are at a Higher Risk for Severe Illness”)

CLASSIFICATION OF MARCHING BAND

Low Risk: Marching Band can be done with social distancing or individually with no sharing of equipment or the ability to clean the equipment between uses by competitors.

ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS

The School District will engage stakeholders by reviewing the Marching Band Health and Safety Plan at a public Board meeting. In addition, the Plan will be provided to the local newspaper for publication and placed on the School District website.

COMMUNICATION OF PLANS

The Summary of the Marching Band Health and Safety Plan will be posted on the School District website for easy access for the School District community.

SCHOOL CLOSURE PLAN

The Superintendent will follow all Guidance from the Governor and PDE regarding school closure, with communication with the Board and local health officials. The Superintendent will modify music activities when necessary based upon a series of positive tests.

Primary Point of Contact

Each school entity must designate a primary point of contact with defined roles and responsibilities for health and safety preparedness and response planning for music-related activities. The point of contact will be responsible for responding to questions related to COVID-19 safety protocols. All parents, band members, and directors must be provided the person’s contact information.

Point of Contact Name	Position of Point of Contact	Contact Information
Mr. Stephan DeGrosky	Band Director	814-725-8671, ext. 1305
Dr. William Renne	HS Principal	814-725-8671, ext. 1001
Dr. Steve Karns	MS Principal	814-725-8671, ext. 2002
Dr. Michele Hartzell	Superintendent	814-725-8671, ext. 3907

Key Strategies, Policies, and Procedures

Use the action plan templates on the following pages to create a thorough plan for each of the requirements outlined in the [Pennsylvania Guidance for All Sports Permitted to Operate During the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency](#).

For each domain of the Marching Band Health and Safety Plan, draft a detailed summary describing the key strategies, policies, and procedures your LEA will employ to satisfy the requirements of the domain. The domain summary will serve as the public-facing description of the efforts your LEA will take to ensure health and safety of every stakeholder in your local education community. Thus, the summary should be focused on the key information that staff, students, and families will require to clearly understand your local plan for the phased reopening of schools. Use the key questions to guide your domain summaries.

For each requirement within each domain, document the following:

- **Action Steps under Yellow and Green Phase:** Identify the discrete action steps required to prepare for and implement the requirement under the guidelines outlined for counties in yellow or green. List the discrete action steps for each requirement in sequential order.
- **Lead Individual(s) and Position(s):** List each person responsible for ensuring the action steps are fully planned and the system is prepared for effective implementation.
- **Materials, Resources, and/or Supports Needed:** List any materials, resources, or supports required to implement the requirement.
- **Professional Development (PD) Required:** Identify the training or professional development that will be provided to staff, students, families, and other stakeholders to implement each requirement effectively.

In the following tables, an asterisk (*) denotes a mandatory element of the plan. All other requirements are highly encouraged to the extent possible.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

Key Questions

- How will you ensure the music facilities are cleaned and ready to safely welcome directors, staff and band members?
- How often will you implement cleaning, sanitation, disinfecting, and ventilation protocols/procedures to maintain teaching staff and band member safety?
- What protocols will you put in place to clean and disinfect throughout the day?
- Which stakeholders will be trained on cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilation protocols? When and how will the training be provided? How will preparedness to implement as a result of the training be measured?

Summary of Responses to Key Questions:

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow and Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and/or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
*Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by student band members and music activities (i.e., restrooms, drinking fountains, locker rooms and transportation)	<p><u>Yellow Phase</u></p> <p>Adequate cleaning schedules should be created and implemented for all athletic facilities to mitigate any communicable disease</p> <p>Music Facilities should be cleaned prior to arrival and post rehearsal and team gatherings, high touch areas should be cleaned more often</p> <p>Appropriate clothing/shoes should be worn at all times in the band room to minimize sweat from transmitting onto equipment surfaces</p> <p><u>Green Phase</u></p> <p>Adequate cleaning schedules should be created and implemented for all music facilities to mitigate any communicable disease</p>	Mr. Bill Wingerter Director of Grounds and Maintenance	Cleaning supplies recommended by the CDC, PA and Erie County DOH for appropriate disinfecting of athletic areas.	Y, Training on appropriate COVID-19 cleaning techniques re: CDC and DOH guidance

	<p>Music Facilities should be cleaned prior to arrival and post rehearsal and team gatherings, high touch areas should be cleaned more often</p> <p>Band Room Equipment should be wiped down after an individual's use.</p> <p>Appropriate clothing/shoes should be worn at all times in the band room to minimize sweat from transmitting onto equipment surfaces</p>			
Other cleaning, disinfecting, sanitizing, and ventilations practices	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Key Questions

- How will rehearsal and performance spaces be organized and scheduled to mitigate spread?
- How will you group band members with staff to limit the number of individuals who come into contact with one another throughout the practices, meetings, meals, performances, etc.?
- What policies and procedures will govern use of other communal spaces (music rooms, restrooms)?
- How will you utilize outdoor space to meet social distancing requirements?
- What hygiene routines will be implemented?
- How will you adjust student transportation to meet social distancing requirements?
- How will social distancing and other safety protocols vary based on age ranges?
- Which stakeholders will be trained on social distancing and other safety protocols? When and how will the training be provided?

Summary of Responses to Key Questions:

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow and Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and/or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
*Protocols for social distancing band members and staff throughout all activities, to the extent feasible	<u>Yellow and Green Phase</u> Outdoor Rehearsals are preferred. If weather prevents outdoor rehearsals, all social distancing guidelines must be followed indoors. If the social distancing guidelines can't be met indoors, rehearsal should be cancelled and students should be sent home.	Stephan DeGrosky Band Director	None	Y, Training of directors on appropriate social distancing behaviors from CDC and Department of Health
*Procedures for serving food at events	<u>Yellow and Green Phase</u> In the event that concession standards will serve food during Yellow or Green Phase, they will adhere to the Guidance for Businesses in the Restaurant Industry issued by Governor Wolf, as amended.	Stephan DeGrosky Band Director	Glass dividers between the concession workers and customers, additional gloves and cleaning supplies.	Y, Training for the food service workers on COVID-19 food safety techniques.
*Hygiene practices for band members and staff which include the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices	<u>Yellow and Green Phase</u> Hand Sanitizer should be used periodically as resources allow	Stephan DeGrosky Band Director	Hand Sanitizer	N

<p>*Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs</p>	<p><u>Yellow and Green Phase</u></p> <p>Signs shall be posed in visible locations around the School District building informing all attendees of appropriate sanitization procedures for combatting COVID-19.</p>	<p>Dr. Jennifer Ritter, Principal</p> <p>Bill Wingerter, Maintenance Supervisor</p>	<p>CDC and PA DOH Signage</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>*Identifying and restricting non-essential visitors and volunteers</p>	<p><u>Yellow Phase</u></p> <p>Limitation on gathering of 25 individuals, shall be limited to band members, medical staff, directors, and necessary relatives of band members</p> <p><u>Green Phase</u></p> <p>Limitation on gathering with attendance limited to band members, judges, medical staff, directors, and necessary relatives of band members. Spectators, vendors, and media permitted. Shall limit gatherings to 250 people.</p>	<p>Stephan DeGrosky Band Director</p> <p>Dr. William Renne Principal</p> <p>Dr. Steve Karns, Principal</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>Limiting the sharing of materials and equipment among band members</p>	<p><u>Yellow Phase and Green Phase</u></p> <p>Students should refrain from sharing clothing/towels and should be washed after each practice.</p> <p>Music equipment that may be used by multiple individuals (percussion instruments/mallets and colorguard equipment) should be cleaned intermittently during practice and events as deemed necessary.</p> <p>Each Band Member will have their own music stand and music folder/binder that will be labeled with their name. The music stands will need to be stored in an area that allows them to be spread out so they can be individually retrieved. (hallway, auditorium, etc.)</p> <p>Flute players will be provided a Win-D-Fender type flute shield that contains the air when playing a flute.</p> <p>Students need to be aware of where they are emptying the water droplets that build up in their</p>	<p>Stephan DeGrosky Band Director</p>	<p>Additional athletic equipment, including practice jerseys, sport-specific equipment, water bottles, etc.</p>	<p>N</p>

	<p>instruments. They should be emptied on the grassy at the edge of the practice areas.</p> <p>Hand Sanitizer should be used periodically as resources allow</p> <p>Students MUST bring their own water bottle. Water bottles must not be shared.</p> <p>Hydration stations (water coolers, water fountains, water cows, water troughs, etc.) should not be utilized</p>			
Staggering the use of communal spaces (i.e., music rooms, storage rooms, etc.)	<p><u>Yellow Phase</u></p> <p>Use of music facilities will be limited to one section at a time. (Band Room, Auditorium, Gymnasium, Cafeteria, other School Common Areas)</p> <p>Distance will be kept between specific sections of band members (Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion and Colorguard) on different areas of the field to maintain social distancing.</p> <p><u>Green Phase</u></p> <p>Distance will be kept between specific sections of band members (Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion and Colorguard) on different areas of the field to maintain social distancing.</p>	Stephan DeGrosky Band Director	None	N
Adjusting transportation schedules and practices to create social distance	<p><u>Yellow and Green Phase</u></p> <p>Practices will be staggered between sections to maximize social distancing for band members.</p> <p>Modifications for band member/director transportation to and from music events will be necessary. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the number of students/directors on a bus/van 	Patty Schultz, Transportation Supervisor Stephan DeGrosky Band Director	Additional buses for transportation to athletic events, additional hotel rooms to prevent crowding.	N

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using hand sanitizer upon boarding a bus/van ● Social distancing on a bus ● Wearing masks on bus 			
Limiting the number of individuals in music activity spaces, and interactions between groups of band members	<p><u>Yellow and Green Phase</u></p> <p>Only necessary staff will be permitted at music facilities during practice.</p> <p>Band Members will be encouraged to social distance while not directly participating in a music practice or performance.</p>	<p>Stephan DeGrosky Band Director</p> <p>Dr. William Renne Principal</p> <p>Dr. Karns Principal</p>	None	N
Other social distancing and safety practices	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Monitoring Band Members and Staff Health

Key Questions

- How will you monitor band members, directors, and others who interact with each other to ensure they are healthy and not exhibiting signs of illness?
- Who will be responsible for monitoring?
- Where will the monitoring take place?
- When and how frequently will the monitoring take place?
- What is the policy for quarantine or isolation if a director, band member, or other member of the school community becomes ill or has been exposed to an individual confirmed positive for COVID-19? What conditions will a director or band member confirmed to have COVID-19 need to meet to safely return to music activities? Which staff will be responsible for making decisions regarding quarantine or isolation requirements of directors or band members?
- When and how will families be notified of confirmed director or band member illness or exposure and resulting changes to the local Band Member Health and Safety Plan?
- Which stakeholders will be trained on protocols for monitoring band member and staff health? When and how will the training be provided?

Summary of Responses to Key Questions:

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow and Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and/or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
*Monitoring band members and staff for symptoms and history of exposure	<p><u>Yellow Phase</u></p> <p>All directors and students will be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to a practice. The screenings will range from a verbal/written questionnaire to a temperature check.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Any person with positive symptoms reported will not be allowed to take</p>	<p>Stephan DeGrosky Band Director</p> <p>Dr. William Renne Principal</p> <p>Dr. Steve Karns Principal</p> <p>Dr. Michele Hartzell Superintendent</p>	<p>Temperature check devices, questionnaire forms regarding COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<p>Y, training on appropriate temperature check measures</p>

	<p>part in rehearsal and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate health-care professional. A clearance form may be required to return to rehearsal</p> <p><u>Green Phase</u></p> <p>Any person who has COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed to participate in a practice or performance, and will contact their primary care physician or another appropriate health-care provider. A clearance will be required for return.</p> <p>Questionnaire and Temperature Checks will continue as per State and Local government recommendations</p> <p>Band attendance will be recorded</p>			
<p>*Isolating or quarantining band members, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure</p>	<p><u>Yellow and Green Phase</u></p> <p>Every effort will be made to isolate the ill individual from others, until the student or staff member can leave the school or event</p> <p>If the individual is a student, parent/guardian will be contacted immediately, and arrangements will be made for the student to be picked up</p> <p>Ill individual will be asked to contact their physician or appropriate healthcare professional for direction</p>	<p>Dr. William Renne Principal</p> <p>Dr. Steve Karns Principal</p> <p>Stephan DeGrosky Band Director</p> <p>Dr. Michele Hartzell Superintendent</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N</p>

<p>*Returning isolated or quarantined directors, staff or band members, to school and/or marching band</p>	<p><u>Yellow and Green Phase</u></p> <p>Student or staff should have medical clearance from their physician or appropriate healthcare professional, determined to be non-contagious,</p> <p>“Non-contagious” shall mean fever free (without fever-reducing medicine), improvement in respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath), no vomiting or diarrhea.</p>	<p>Dr. William Renne Principal</p> <p>Dr. Steve Karns Principal</p> <p>Dr. Michele Hartzell Superintendent</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>Notifying directors, families, and the public of cancellation of music-related activities, school closures and other changes in safety protocols</p>	<p><u>Yellow and Green Phase</u></p> <p>Community letters will be circulated with physical copies and emailed copies to all stakeholders. Information will be placed on the School District website in a place of prominence.</p>	<p>Stephan DeGrosky Band Director</p> <p>Dr. Steve Karns Principal</p> <p>Dr. Michele Hartzell Superintendent</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>Other monitoring and screen practices</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Other Considerations for Band Members and Staff

Key Questions

- How will you determine which directors and other music staff are willing/able to return? How will you accommodate staff who are unable or unwilling to return?
- How will you determine which band members are willing/able to return? How will you accommodate band members who are unable or unwilling to return?
- What is the local policy/procedure regarding face coverings for all directors and music staff? What is the policy/procedure for band members?
- What special protocols will you implement to protect band members and staff at higher risk for severe illness?
- How will you address directors and other music staff who are ill, or who have family members who have become ill?
- How will you manage teams in the event of director or staff illness? Do you have substitute staff available?
- Which stakeholders will be trained on these protocols? When and how will the training be provided?

Summary of Responses to Key Questions:

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow and Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and/or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
*Protecting band members and staff at higher risk for sever illness	<p><u>Yellow and Green Phase</u></p> <p>Students and staff who are uncomfortable with participation based upon susceptibility to illness can excuse themselves from participation.</p> <p>Staff may continue to participate remotely without being asked to resign their position.</p>	<p>Dr. William Renne Principal</p> <p>Dr. Steve Karns Principal</p> <p>Dr. Michele Hartzell Superintendent</p> <p>Stephan DeGrosky Band Director</p>	None	N
*Use of face coverings by all directors and music staff	<p><u>Yellow and Green Phase</u></p> <p>Music staff will wear face coverings at all times while participating in music events. Staff may remove the mask to speak at a louder volume if necessary during an event.</p>	Stephan DeGrosky Band Director	None	N
*Use of face coverings by band members as appropriate	<u>Yellow and Green Phase</u>	Stephan DeGrosky Band Director	None	N

	Band members will utilize face coverings at all times when not directly practicing in a music event.			
Unique safety protocols for band members with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals	<p><u>Yellow and Green Phase</u></p> <p>Band members with disabilities or particular needs will have protections placed during music events in accordance with their individual IEPs or other documentation that has been developed to address their unique needs.</p>	Brianne Hodges Special Education Director	None	N
Management of Directors and Music Staff	<p><u>Yellow and Green Phase</u></p> <p>The Administration and Band Director will continue to manage music staff pursuant to usual protocols.</p>	Dr. William Renne Principal Dr. Michele Hartzell Superintendent Stephan DeGrosky Band Director	None	N

Marching Band Health and Safety Plan Professional Development

The success of your plan for resuming music-related activities safely requires all stakeholders to be prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills to implement the plan as intended. For each item that requires staff training, document the following components of your professional learning plan.

- **Topic:** List the content on which the professional development will focus.
- **Audience:** List the stakeholder group(s) who will participate in the learning activity.
- **Lead Person and Position:** List the person or organization that will provide the professional learning.
- **Session Format:** List the strategy/format that will be utilized to facilitate professional learning.
- **Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed:** List any materials, resources, or support required to implement the requirement.
- **Start Date:** Enter the date on which the first professional learning activity for the topic will be offered.
- **Completion Date:** Enter the date on which the last professional learning activity for the topic will be offered.

Topic	Audience	Lead Person and Position	Session Format	Materials, Resources and/or Supports Needed	Start Date	Completion Date
Overview of Marching Band Health and Safety Plan	Approved Advisors and Volunteers	Mr. Stephan Degrosky	PowerPoint	Handouts	June 26, 2020	
Coronavirus: Managing Stress and Anxiety	Approved Advisors and Volunteers	District Office	Video Safe Schools Portal	Safe Schools Portal	June 2020	
CDD Guidelines for Making & Using Masks	Approved Advisors and Volunteers	District Office	Video Safe Schools Portal	Safe Schools Portal	June 2020	

Marching Band Health and Safety Plan Communications

Timely and effective family and caregiver communication about music-related health and safety protocols and schedules will be critical. Schools should be particularly mindful that frequent communications are accessible in non-English languages and to all caregivers (this is particularly important for children residing with grandparents or other kin or foster caregivers). Additionally, school entities should establish and maintain ongoing communication with local and state authorities to determine current mitigation levels in your community.

Topic	Audience	Lead Person and Position	Session Format	Materials, Resources and/or Supports Needed	Start Date	Completion Date
Preliminary Plan Overview	Community, staff, parents	Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent Dr. Steven Karns, Principal	Board Meeting	N/A	June 25, 2020	
Post Approved Preliminary Plan	Community, staff, parents, students	Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent	Website		June 26, 2020	

Marching Band Health and Safety Plan Summary: North East School District

Anticipated Launch Date: July 1, 2020

Use these summary tables to provide your local education community with a detailed overview of your Marching Band Health and Safety Plan. School entities are required to post this summary on their website. To complete the summary, copy and paste the domain summaries from the Athletics Health and Safety Plan tables above.

Facilities Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
*Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students (i.e. restrooms, drinking fountains, storage rooms and transportation)	Will utilize all appropriate CDC and DOH guidelines to clean facilities regularly, will provide training to appropriate staff to do the same.

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
*Protocols for social distancing band members and staff throughout all activities, to the maximum extent feasible	Will keep separation between appropriate sections of the marching band to the extent possible by allowing them to practice in different areas of music facilities.
*Procedures for serving food at events including team meetings and meals	Will follow all guidelines from the CDC and PA DOH
*Hygiene practices for band members and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices	Will encourage handwashing, use of hand sanitizer, personal clothing and water bottles.
*Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs	Signs will be posted in all areas of the School District that inform on CDC and DOH protocols.
Identifying and restricting non-essential visitors and volunteers	Yellow Phase will restrict attendance at music events to 250 individuals, with only band members, directors, staff, and judges attending. Green Phase will be limited to 500 with only necessary attendees.
Limiting the sharing of materials and equipment among band members	Band Members will each have their own practice equipment as well as personal water bottles. All equipment will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized subsequent to each event.
Staggering the use of communal spaces (i.e. storage rooms, instrument rooms, etc.)	Band members will maintain social distancing while practicing, both outdoors and indoors.
Adjusting transportation schedules and practices to create social distance between students	Additional buses and hotel rooms will be provided during phases if necessary to encourage social distancing
Limiting the number of individuals in music activity spaces and interactions between groups of band members	The band will be broken into sections during practices in order to facilitate social distancing.
Other social distancing and safety practices	N/A

Monitoring Band Members and Staff Health

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
*Monitoring band members and staff for symptoms and history of exposure	Temperatures will be taken prior to being allowed to practice/perform, will utilize questionnaires for history of exposure.
*Isolating or quarantining band members, directors, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure	Individuals who contract the disease must quarantine for 14 days and will leave the premises immediately when feeling sick.
*Returning isolated or quarantined directors, band members, or visitors to school	Individuals will require medical clearances prior to being permitted to return to marching band.
Notifying directors, families and the public of cancellation of music-related activities, school closures and other changes in safety protocols	The Superintendent and Band Director will utilize all physical and electronic methods of promulgating information regarding COVID-19 closures and protocols.

Other Considerations for Band Members and Staff

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
*Protecting band members and directors at higher risk for severe illness	Individuals who are at higher risk will be permitted to excuse themselves from events at their discretion. Virtual participation is permissible.
*Use of face coverings by all directors and music staff	All directors and staff will utilize facial coverings during events.
*Use of face coverings by band members as appropriate	Band members will utilize facial coverings when not actively participating in events.
Unique safety protocols for band members with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals	All appropriate procedures will be followed for students with IEPs and other specific plans to address their unique issues.
Management of Directors and Music Staff	The Superintendent and Band Director will continue to supervise all directors and staff.

Marching Band Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors for North East School District reviewed and approved the Marching Band Health and Safety Plan on **June 25, 2020**.

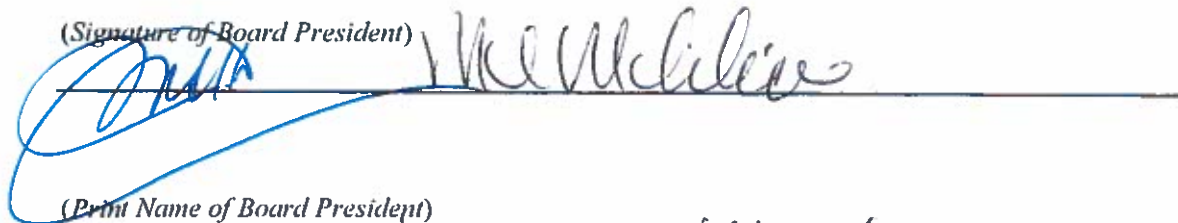
The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes
 No

Affirmed on: June 25, 2020

By:

(Signature of Board President)



(Print Name of Board President)

NICHOLAS O MOBILINA