

Dear parents and students,

As we prepare for the beginning of our marching season, please see the information below to ensure your safety and the safety of others due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These are guidelines and suggestions that have been developed in accordance with recommendations from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, and the NFHS.

- You must contact Mr. Bleininger if you, a parent, or family member is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have had any direct contact with anyone (i.e. family members) experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- You must adhere to social distancing guidelines before, during, and after rehearsals. *We have a responsibility to each other to ensure that our activity to continue to take place.*

In addition to the normal materials needed for rehearsal (instrument, music, pencil, etc.) students should bring the following to practice EVERYDAY.

- Water bottle labeled with name...we never share water.
- Hand sanitizer...you will be expected to use it.
- Mask...must be worn at all times (when not music making).

Please do not carpool. You must arrange for your own transportation to and from practice each day.

All students must self-screen before coming to practice. This includes taking your temperature before leaving home.

We will be staggering report and dismissal times.

On “even” days of the week, Woodwinds and Color Guard will report for rehearsal at 7:45am and will be dismissed at 11:45am. (Brass and Percussion will report at 8:00am and will be dismissed at 12:00pm). *Woodwinds and Color Guard will always enter and exit the building through the choir room door (#7). Brass and Percussion will always enter and exit the building through the band room door (#6).*

On “odd” days of the week, Brass and Percussion will report for rehearsal at 7:45am and will be dismissed at 11:45am. (Woodwinds and Color Guard will report at 8:00am and will be dismissed at 12:00pm). *Woodwinds and Color Guard will always enter and exit the building through the choir room door (#7). Brass and Percussion will always enter and exit the building through the band room door (#6).*

Once your instrument/equipment is out, go directly to the practice field. You may stand with your section (6 ft. apart). Spread out, use the entire field. Sections should remain at least one yard-line apart until directions are given by one of the directors.

During breaks, students must maintain 6 ft. of separation. You may not congregate in groups.


Restroom breaks will be given throughout practice, but will be staggered by section. This will be explained during our first rehearsal.

Obviously, instruments are never to be shared. This includes color guard equipment and drumsticks, etc.

Upon dismissal from rehearsal, all school owned instruments must be sanitized. Sanitizer will be provided and this procedure will be explained in detail on the first day.

Keep in mind that we will be outside more than normal. Dress for the weather with suitable outdoor attire. Comfortable shoes are a must. Hats, sunscreen and sunglasses are recommended.

ALL students and parents must be signed up for Mr. Bleininger's REMIND. If you have previously joined, you do not have to join again. All last-minute announcements, postponements, or rehearsal cancellations will be done via the REMIND app. This is especially important since we simply do not have the ability to rehearse inside due to any inclement weather. Practice may end early from time to time due to weather issues. Directions for how to join the REMIND are below.

Mr. B would like you to join LHS Band! 

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