



CSISD High School Bands COVID Protocols & Guidelines

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Communication:

- Flexibility is important
- At least 72 hours will be given if a schedule is changed
- Band Website Google Calendar Primary Source for Events
 - [CSHS Band and Guard](#)
 - <https://www.amcbands.com/>
- Weekly Newsletter via Charms Email
- Short Announcements via Remind.com for reminders

Face Coverings:

- Students are required to wear a mask at all times unless they are playing an instrument, marching fundamentals, and physical exercising.
- For the purposes of this document, masks and face coverings include non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or full-face shields to protect eyes, nose, and mouth. Face shields may be superior to cloth face coverings in many circumstances, given improved ability to see mouth movements and improved air circulation.
- All employees, parents, visitors and students ten years of age or older must wear face coverings or face shields upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing, unless an exception listed below applies.
- Exceptions to the wearing of face coverings or face shields include:
 - Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
 - While a person is consuming food or drink

Required Pre-Screening:

- Prior to arrival for practice students must complete the pre-screen google form.
 - a. [CSHS Band and Guard](#)
 - b. [AMCHS Band](#)
- Students will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 before each rehearsal by a member of CSISD.
- Students that do not pass the screening will be asked to return home.

Individuals Confirmed, Suspected, or Exposed to COVID-19

- Please [click this link to see the protocol](#) set out by UIL where there is a confirmed, suspected, or exposed case of COVID-19.

Arrival Procedure

- Fill out the appropriate form for your school each day before arrival
 - [CSHS Band and Guard Pre-Screening Form](#)
 - [AMCHS Bands Pre-Screening Form](#)
- Go straight to marching practice field check in location, do not go into the building.
- Wait in line, with proper social distance (4 step interval, or approx 6ft), for a Temperature Check by Adult
 - 100° or above Go Home
 - 99.9° or below move on
 - Wear mask until you arrive to your spot
- Place Instrument and music in your designated area.
 - Front Ensemble, Tubas and Battery can proceed into the building to pick up their instruments.
- Everyone else proceeds to the designated area for outdoor instrument storage.
- Move to your designated marching spot with your mask and water jug.

Exit Procedure

- All surfaces in practice and rehearsal areas will be thoroughly disinfected throughout and at the end of each day.
- Students will maintain at least 6 feet (4 steps) apart when leaving the practice area.
- Students will go straight to their car with their instrument, binder and water jug and leave.

Instrument and Locker Use During Summer Band:

- Students will be required to bring their instrument to rehearsal each day and then return home with it at the end of the rehearsal. Band lockers will NOT be used until school starts. Exceptions will be Battery, Front Ensemble and Tuba. These instruments are too big to return home at the end of each day. Students will be allowed to enter the building to place their instrument in a secure location. All face covering and social distancing practices will be enforced.
- Upon arrival, there will be a specific location on the practice field for students to place their instruments and music until they are needed .
- Students will not be allowed to share instruments, reeds or supplies, including percussion mallets.
- **Indoor Only:** For instruments that have a water key: Students will need to bring a hand towel from home. This towel can be placed underneath them to collect condensation. The towel must stay in their case and return home each day. Please wash occasionally to clean and disinfect.

Music:

- Students will be provided a music binder with all necessary music. Each student is responsible for their music and will be unable to share music anymore.
- Clothespins for wind control will be provided in outdoor rehearsals. Since most of Summer Band will be outside, music stands will also be provided to use.
- Students will also need to utilize their flip folder as much as possible.
- At the end of the day, all music stands will be cleaned and sanitized.

Restrooms:

- Restrooms will be available during summer band.
 - Only one person at a time
 - Cleaned everyday by custodians
 - Clear with a Drum Major before you leave the rehearsal like you would on a state testing day.

Food and Drink:

- There can be no shared food or drink.
- School Water Fountains will not be usable for Summer Band.
- Water Jugs - a 1 gallon water jug will be given to students upon their first day of arrival. They will be required to bring it to all practices filled from home. At the end of each day they will return home to be used the next day.
- If a student arrives to practice without a filled water jug they will be asked to return home.
- Students attending their first practice of the season will be provided with bottled water. Every practice after they will be expected to bring their water jug filled from home.
- Students are asked not to bring food or snacks unless directed by their doctor. If they need a snack they can not share it with other students.

Room Usage During Summer Band:

- Room usage will vary depending on the size of the room. Currently UIL allows for 50% capacity.
- At the conclusion of the rehearsal/practice all of the rooms and equipment will be cleaned for the next day or next group.
- Room Size Constraints that include social distancing
 - **CSHS**
 - *CSHS Band Hall would be 90 kids approximately (190 is the Fire Marshall Code)*
 - *If using 6ft spacing then we are only at 54 kids in the CSHS Band Hall*
 - *10ft Spacing is recommended spacing while playing an instrument. CSHS can fit 30 students in the Band Hall.*

- *CSHS Ensemble Rooms can fit about 20 with 6ft spacing.*
 - *Approximately 10 to 12 with a 10ft spacing for playing an instrument.*
 - **AMCHS**
 - *AMCHS Band Hall would be 90 kids approximately (181 is the Fire Marshall Code).*
 - *If using 6ft spacing then we are only at 50 kids in the AMCHS Band Hall*
 - *AMCHS Ensemble Rooms can fit about 8 with 6ft spacing.*
- Rooms outside the main band hall will be kept locked and used on an as needed basis.
- Instrument Lockers will NOT be utilized during summer band.
- Several rooms in the band hall area will only be available to one person at a time.
 - Practice Rooms
 - Tuba Storage
 - Percussion Room

Uniforms:

- Band students will not be wearing the typical band uniform for the 2020 marching season. This will keep students out of the locker rooms where social distancing is not possible.
- The marching uniform will consist of the provided Band shirt and Band shorts. Students will need to provide and wear short black socks and athletic shoes (No Marching Shoes this year). In colder weather, jackets and Pants will be allowed when approved by the Directors. We will be sticking with School Colors for that extra clothing.

Physicals

- Students fall into one of two categories. Need to have these complete before Summer Band begins.
 - **New** Students to Marching Band
 - All new or first-year athletes and marching band members will be required to complete the UIL physical.
 - **Returning** Students to Marching Band
 - Any athletes or marching band members who check "yes" to [questions one through six on the medical history form](#) will need to complete a new UIL physical.
 - All athletes and marching band members who completed a physical before the start of the 2019-20 school year and check "no" on questions one through six on the medical history form are exempt from obtaining a new physical for the 2020-21 school year.

CSISD High School Bands

In-School COVID Protocols and Guidelines

The CSISD Bands will follow the guidelines set in place by CSISD, these additional guidelines will cover Band specific items.

Rehearsals/Practices Outside of the School Day:

- Rehearsals for marching bands will occur in the evening only, this will allow students to change out of their school clothes at home and return in appropriate rehearsal attire. No Morning rehearsals this year since locker rooms are not available.
- Locker rooms for changing will not be available, social distance is not possible in these small spaces.
- Students can attend rehearsals both during the school day and outside of school while taking their core classes virtually. Transportation will be the responsibility of the student.
- Chairs and spacing will be in flat rows with all students facing forward. No typical concert arch set-ups at this time.
- Specialized instrumental masks are encouraged to be worn.

Instrument and Locker Use During School

- Upon arrival to school, there will be a specific locker for students to place their instruments and music until they are needed for class.
- Students will not be allowed to share instruments, reeds or supplies, including mallets.
- **Indoor Only:** For instruments that have spit valves: Students must bring a hand towel from home. This towel can be placed underneath them to collect condensation. The towel must stay in their case and washed regularly.

Room Usage during School:

- Room usage will vary depending on the size of the room. Currently UIL/TEA allows for 50% capacity.
- Room Size Constraints
 - **CSHS**
 - **Band Hall**
 - UIL/TEA would allow 85 students based upon 190 set by the Fire Marshal Code
 - 6ft Spacing allows 54 students per rehearsal
 - 10ft Spacings allow 30 students per rehearsal
 - Ensemble Rooms
 - 6ft spacing allows 20 students.

- 10ft spacing allows 10-12 students per rehearsal
- **AMCHS**
 - Band Hall
 - UIL/TEA would allow 90 students based upon 181 set by the Fire Marshal Code
 - 6ft spacing allows for 50 students per rehearsal
 - 10 ft spacing allows for 28 students per rehearsal
 - Ensemble Room
 - 6 ft spacing allows for 8
 - 10ft spacing allows for 2
- Rooms outside the main band hall will be kept locked and only used on an “as needed” basis.
- Instrument Locker Rooms will be used during the school year. Masks and social distancing will be required at all times in the instrument locker rooms.
- Several rooms in the band hall area will only be available to one person at a time.
 - Practice Rooms
 - Tuba Storage
 - Percussion Room