



OWEN J. ROBERTS HS MARCHING BAND 2020 RETURN TO ACTIVITY PLAN

Please refer to the following safety guidelines & procedures for our 2020 summer & fall season. Our primary goal in the development of this plan is for the safe return to the marching band activity for all students and staff. Please note that the plans & procedures outlined here may change as the condition of the Covid-19 virus evolves.

GENERAL THOUGHTS ON OUR 2020 SEASON:

- This season we all need to be vigilant and aware that the Covid-19 virus is still active, and we all need to do our part to protect each other and be aware of our own safety as well as the safety of others around us.
- Throughout the season, we will be aware of and maintain social distancing of six feet from each other whenever possible – this includes times when we are in small groups, during our field show, and during breaks.
- All band members must arrive on campus for each band event with a “Health Ticket” signed by your parent or guardian confirming that you have been monitored and pre-screened for any of the conditions listed on the attached Pre-Screening document.
- We will maximize our amount of time outdoors and limit our time indoors whenever possible, including the likely cancellation of rehearsals in the event of inclement weather.
- You will be assigned specific areas for parking, drop-off, and pick-up for each rehearsal or event and we will spread out across campus as much as possible during rehearsals to maximize our distancing.
- Students & staff will be encouraged to wear masks whenever possible/appropriate given the nature of our activity. If outside, staff members will wear masks whenever the need arises to be within 6 feet of a band member for instruction. If inside, staff will wear masks at all times.
- Our primary focus this entire season needs to be on safety, personal space and surroundings, and maintaining healthy, clean, and sanitary standards wherever and whenever possible.

DROP-OFF / PARKING / PICK-UP LOCATIONS & PROCEDURES:

- Please plan to arrive and either park your vehicles or be dropped-off in the locations listed below.
- If parking your vehicle, please leave at least one empty parking space between your vehicle and other parked cars whenever possible.
- All students should plan to leave or be picked up immediately at the conclusion of any practice or event, and should be picked up in the same parking lot / location.

SECTIONS	DROP-OFF / PARKING LOCATION
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Staff / Low Brass & Low Saxes	Parking lot across from band room
Colorguard / Flutes / Trumpets	Parking lot in front of main gymnasium
All Percussion / Clarinets / Mellos / Alto Saxes	Parking lot between HS & MS



REHEARSAL PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES:

- All rehearsals of the marching band will be held outside whenever possible. In the event of inclement weather, rehearsals will either be cancelled or will be limited to small sections rehearsing inside. This will be communicated as necessary – see “*communication*” section below.
- Inside building use will be limited as much as possible this season, exceptions being for the use of bathrooms and sudden inclement weather situations. (Bathroom use should be limited to one person at a time.)
- 6-ft social distancing should be observed at all times during rehearsals. This will also apply to any breaks that are given, during meal times, during basics block, and even during the show (drill design) on the field.
- **MASKS / FACE COVERINGS:**

Staff Members -

- Indoors- staff members will wear masks at all times
- Outdoors- staff members will wear masks if they are within 6 feet of anyone

Band Members -

- Indoors & Outdoors- band members must wear masks, except when they are actively participating in an activity that prevents the wearing of a face covering (playing an instrument, etc.). If there is a break in practice, band members must put their masks on if they are within 6 feet of anybody.
- Instruments & Equipment should NOT be stored in the high school building. All individual instruments or pieces of equipment (colorguard, etc.) should be taken home and transported to/from every rehearsal. The exceptions here would be students who play large instruments – *Bari Sax, Sousaphone, Percussion*.
- There will be NO sharing of any instruments, equipment, or mallets (percussion) this season.
- All students **MUST** bring your own water to every event. Water will not be provided. Water bottles should be large enough to accommodate the amount of water needed for the entire rehearsal. No sharing of water bottles should occur at any time.
- No meals will be served this year during band camp (No Giovanni’s meals). All students should bring your own dinner to rehearsal each day of camp.

CLEANING / SANITATION / INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY:

- All marching band staff and students should wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds before and after coming to any band event and before touching any surfaces. All band staff and students are also encouraged to bring your own personal hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes to utilize as needed.
- Any rooms inside the building that are utilized during rehearsal will be cleaned daily by OJR housekeeping staff. Band staff and students should wipe down any surface or item touched with sanitizing wipes provided by the school district. Additionally, students who play wind instruments should plan to clean your mouthpieces after each rehearsal with soap & water. Mouthpiece cleaner will also be available for use during rehearsal.
- Students are encouraged to shower and wash their clothing immediately upon returning home from rehearsal.

COMMUNICATION / INFORMATION / SCHEDULE CHANGES:

- Communication will be key to having a successful season, working together, and minimizing confusion. Every reasonable attempt will be made to communicate promptly and effectively.

Any changes to this plan and/or any schedule changes will be communicated through the following methods:

1. Group email to the entire band and parents
2. Group text messaging & alerts through the 'BAND' app
(To receive important messages through the BAND app, you need to download the free app to your phone and create an account. You can either go to this link from your phones: <https://band.us/n/a6a339Mbec75E>
OR scan this QR code from your phone:



3. OJR Band Website: www.ojrhsband.com

PRE-REHEARSAL SELF-SCREENING REQUIREMENT:

Symptom Monitoring **From Deborah Weber--6/30/2020**

- Take temperature with temporal or forehead touchless thermometer
- Are you taking any medication to treat or suppress a fever? Yes/No
- Are you currently experiencing any of the following symptoms¹?

Column A 1 or more symptoms	Column B 2 or more symptoms	
Fever (99.5°F or higher ²) Cough Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing	Lack of smell or taste (without congestion) Sore throat Chills Muscle pain	Headache Congestion or runny nose Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea

"Has Symptoms" is defined as having 1 or more symptom(s) in Column A

OR 2 or more symptoms in Column B

OR Yes to medication to suppress a fever.

² The temperature considered a fever during screening differs based on how temperature is taken. Any fever reported by an employee, even if no thermometer was used, should be considered as symptomatic.

Mode	Temperature for Fever
Walk through scanner	97.5°F or higher
Axillary and temporal	99.5°F or higher
Oral	100.0°F or higher

Exclusion From and Return to School Requirements

Scenario	Exclude From School	Return to School After...
#1 – No Symptoms	No	Not applicable
#2 – COVID-19 Symptoms	Yes	Individual should be tested for COVID-19. ∅ If test result is <u>negative</u> , return to school 3 days after symptoms are no longer present. ∅ If test result is <u>positive</u> , follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.
#3 – Positive COVID-19 PCR Test <u>with</u> Symptoms	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ü 3 days with no fever and ü improvement in symptoms and ü 10 days since symptoms first appeared
#4 – Positive COVID-19 PCR Test <u>without</u> Symptoms	Yes	10 days after the PCR test was collected ∅ If symptoms develop during 10 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.
#5 – Close Contact <u>with</u> Symptoms	Yes	Individual should be tested for COVID-19. ∅ If test result is <u>negative</u> , return to school 14 days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19 and symptoms have resolved. ∅ If test result is <u>positive</u> , follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.
#6 – Close Contact of COVID-19 <u>without</u> Symptoms	Yes	14 days after the date of last exposure to the person with COVID-19 ∅ If symptoms develop during 14 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #5.

MARCHING BAND HEALTH TICKET

(Please present this Health Ticket to your instructor for each rehearsal or performance of the band.)

I certify that I have pre-screened my son/daughter prior to today's marching band event and that they are permitted to attend as per the health & safety guidelines listed on the self-screening document.

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