



Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District

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Dear BRHS Hybrid Music Students and Families,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy. I am writing to provide an update to the hybrid instruction in our band and chorus classes, as we are excited to return to singing and playing in-person in our schools.

Our county health office has approved a plan to ensure the implementation of health and safety considerations specific to band and chorus classes. This plan aligns with all existing guidance and recommendations from the CDC and New Jersey Department of Health.

The general safety guidelines below will be implemented in all chorus and band classes for our in-person/hybrid students. Mr. Mossa, Dr. Bourgault, Mr. Wilson and Ms. Rotondi will provide more specific information as necessary for each class of students. In addition to speaking with your teachers, you may reach out to me at any time with any questions regarding these procedures and our continued efforts to align with all current recommendations for our programs.

I am overjoyed that we will be able to safely facilitate the regular music-making we value in our BRHS ensemble classes, and continue to look forward to a return to our standard of excellence in music-making that we proudly aspire to in B-R.

Procedures for Music Classes

- All music classes will be conducted within current CDC and district guidelines regarding face masks (worn at all times by student musicians and staff) and social distancing.
- Instrumentalists will wear well-fitting, multi-layered, washable or disposable surgical style masks with a small slit for mouthpiece access while playing. A second mask will be used to cover the slit mask when not playing. Students can provide their own masks or use disposable masks provided in each classroom.
- Singers will wear a well-fitting, multi-layered, washable or disposable/surgical style mask at all times.
- All wind instruments will be covered with a bell cover. Bell covers have been provided by the district.
- Students will be seated or stand a minimum of six feet apart at all times.
- Outdoor rehearsal can continue to be conducted in appropriate weather.
- Indoor rehearsal times will be reduced to 30 minutes of playing/singing time in a classroom space.
- Regular classroom procedures will be followed (disinfecting, maintaining social distancing before/during/after class, cleaning high-touch surfaces, etc. Students will be guided in the proper cleaning of their own instruments and equipment.
- Custodial teams will complete additional cleaning/disinfecting measures for all music rooms and rehearsal spaces on a daily basis.