

BRHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT/MARCHING BAND SUMMER 2020 PROCEDURES

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to provide our marching band students the opportunity to practice with their peers under conditions that are designed to protect all of our students and staff members. The following procedures will be followed by the Bridgewater-Raritan HS Athletic Departments and Performing Arts Department during Phase 1 of the Summer Training Sessions. All procedures align with the recommendations from the NJSIAA, as well as state and local health and safety recommendations.

Phase 1 Summer Marching Band Sessions will be held between August 1st and August 29th, 2020. All rehearsal sessions will be no more than ninety minutes per student per day. This will result in a modified rehearsal and band camp schedule. Marching band students will practice in cohorts of no more than ten students each, and these cohorts will remain consistent throughout the summer practice season.

In order to participate, the parent/guardian of a marching band member must complete the online [NJSIAA COVID-19 Questionnaire](#) prior to participating in any training sessions. If any question on the NJSIAA COVID-19 Questionnaire receives a YES response, the marching band member is required to provide clearance from their physician before they are permitted to participate in the practice sessions. Final clearance for participation will be given by the BR District Physician.

Once practice sessions begin, the online NJSIAA Covid-19 Daily Pre-Screening Questionnaire must be completed and submitted prior to arriving on campus for each practice session, through the Marching Band Google Classroom. If there is a YES response to one or more of the daily pre-screening questions, the student is not permitted to participate in the practice session and should not report to campus. The student will not be permitted to resume participation in the practice sessions until they receive a clearance note from their physician and forward it to Laura Craig, Supervisor of Performing Arts, at lcraig@brrsd.k12.nj.us. Final clearance will be given by the BR District Physician.

Once on campus, each student will have their temperature taken by district personnel prior to each practice session. If the student has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they will not be permitted to participate and must return home immediately. Parents/guardians are advised to remain on campus until their student has had their temperature taken and has passed the screening process. The student must have a temperature of less than 100.4 to be eligible to participate in the day's training session.

The student with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to resume participation in the practice sessions until they receive a clearance note from their physician and forward it to Laura Craig, Supervisor of Performing Arts, at lcraig@brrsd.k12.nj.us. Final clearance will be given by the BR District Physician.

Once the 90 minute practice session is complete, all participants must leave the campus immediately. Please plan to be on campus prior to the end of the training session to bring your student home.

In addition to these health and safety requirements, please see the attached list of modifications and student expectations that will be in place during the summer marching band sessions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Laura Craig
Supervisor of Performing Arts

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RETURN TO PLAY PROCEDURES - SUMMER 2020**

FACE COVERINGS

1. Marching band staff will wear cloth face coverings at all times.
2. Marching band members are expected to wear face coverings at all times.
3. Marching band members may remove cloth face coverings when playing instruments or when engaged in aerobic activity. Marching band members must wear cloth face coverings at all other times.
4. Staff and students must provide their own face coverings which may be disposable or reusable.

EQUIPMENT/INSTRUMENTS

1. Equipment/Instruments will not be shared at any time.
2. All district equipment/instruments and touchpoints (*i.e.*, music stands, cases etc.) will be cleaned and disinfected after each rehearsal with district-supplied and approved disinfectants suitable to treat COVID-19. Marching Band staff will be responsible for safely disinfecting district equipment. Marching Band staff will wear gloves and face masks when moving, storing, and disinfecting equipment.
3. Student band members are responsible for cleaning or disinfecting their personal instruments and belongings. Disinfectant solutions used on musical instruments should follow [COVID-19 Instrument Cleaning Guidelines](#) provided by NAFME/NFHS.
4. Students are responsible for the movement and use of their belongings and instruments. At no time may student instruments or belongings be shared.
5. With the exception of large instruments (percussion, sousaphones) students will be expected to keep their instrument at home and transport it to practice each day. Students will not have access to the band room or to band lockers at any time.

HYDRATION

1. Marching band members will be required to provide their own water or other appropriate drink with a minimum of 128 ounces (1 gallon) for each rehearsal. There will be no access to water fountains in the building.
2. Water containers are not to be shared.

MUSIC ROOMS/RESTROOMS

1. Marching band members will not have access to music rooms or other areas of the campus/buildings at any time.
2. Marching band members and staff will use designated portable restroom facilities only located near the marching band practice field.
3. Students waiting to use the single-person facility must stand at least six (6) feet apart.

HYGIENE

1. Hand sanitizer will be provided by the district and available at all times.
2. Marching band members and staff shall wash their hands as often as possible, including before and after the rehearsal. Students are encouraged to wash their hands prior to coming to practice and upon return home.
3. Marching band members should come to rehearsal in proper clothing and footwear. No individual will be permitted to change their clothing on school premises.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. In the event of forecasted inclement weather, the marching band director will notify all marching band members prior to a rehearsal if it will be cancelled.
2. In the event of sudden unexpected inclement weather/lightning, the main gym will be used as a safe location until students can be dismissed. Social distancing will be maintained, face covering worn, and no activity will be conducted in the gym.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARCHING BAND MEMBERS

1. When reporting for a rehearsal, students should arrive at the facility 30 minutes prior to the rehearsal for pre-screening.
2. Marching band members should not car-pool with other students to practice.
3. Pre-screening will be done while in a car in the BRHS driveway adjacent to the band room entrance (door 102). Marching band members who transport themselves to practice will drive through the pre-screening station and, upon clearance for practice, park their vehicle in the solar parking lot.
4. The marching band member must have the following in their possession:
 - Two (2) cloth face covers - one worn and a second face covering available.
 - Water or other suitable drink - minimum of 128 ounces (1 gallon) in a labeled container.

- Completed COVID-19 Daily Pre-screening Questionnaire (found in Google Classroom)
- Instrument and/or required equipment. NOTE: Large percussion instruments will be located on the curb outside of the band room to be moved to the rehearsal field by the appropriate student musician.
- Labeled personal bag to carry above possessions.