

Utica Community Schools Instrumental Music: Conduct of Marching Band Practices

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Pre-Practice Screening

- All students, instructors, and volunteers shall be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to a practice. **Screening includes a temperature check.**
- Responses to screening questions for each person should be recorded and stored so that there is a record of everyone present in case a student develops COVID-19. Do not share a writing instrument to complete the form.
- Any person with positive symptoms reported shall not be allowed to take part in practice and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate health-care professional.
- Vulnerable individuals should not oversee or participate in any practices.

Limitations on Gatherings

- Gathering sizes may be regulated as determined by District, Government, and Health Department officials.
- Practices are closed – no visitors.
- No practices are to be held away from school.
- No practices without an adult present.
- No indoor activities.
- There must be a minimum distance of 6 feet between each individual at all times. Appropriate social distancing will need to be maintained during practices. Tape or paint could be used as a guide for students and instructors.

Practice Guidelines

- Masks must always be worn when not playing instruments
- Drumline/Frontline and Colorguard will wear masks when playing/performing
- No sharing of wind instruments, mouthpieces, etc.
- No sharing of percussion sticks / mallets / or other equipment such as harnesses
- Color Guard and Percussion Equipment should be wiped down thoroughly before and after an individual's use of equipment
- Students must be encouraged to wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds then shower immediately upon returning to home
- Students should wear their own appropriate practice clothing (do not share clothing) and should be washed after every practice. Do not share items!

Hydration/Food

- All students shall bring their own water jug (128 oz minimum) to be used to refill their personal water bottle. Water jugs and bottles must not be shared
- Hydration stations (water cows, water trough, water fountains, etc.) should not be utilized
- Food should not be shared