



Decatur Central High School

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The DCHS High School Marching Band and Guard will continue to work with local and state officials to monitor CDC and other federal guidance to determine any potential modifications.

Rehearsal Modifications July 6-20

- 6 to 9 hours per week – **See updated band calendar for specific days and times.** After July 20th extended rehearsals will be added back to the calendar (band camp days).

Requirements for All Marching Band Activities

- Students and staff must bring their own water bottles, clearly marked with their names.
- Locker rooms for Winds, Color Guard and Percussion will be monitored for less than 50% capacity
- Students and staff must bring cloth masks to wear when not participating in vigorous activity.
- While the school will have hand-sanitizing stations, students and staff are encouraged to bring pocket size hand sanitizer for themselves.
- Students should report to practices and rehearsals in proper attire and immediately return home to change clothes or shower at the end of the session.
- Students and staff must maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when not actively practicing or rehearsing
- Indoor practices and rehearsals can be conducted up to a maximum of 50% room capacity beginning July 6
- Attendance records shall be kept, however, students shall not be required or allowed to make up missed days or practices.
- During practices and rehearsals, staff must ensure appropriate social distancing, hygiene, and safety measures are implemented.
- There can be no shared water or food. Please bring your own water to each rehearsal.
- At the start of every day of summer rehearsals, schools will use pre-screening for COVID symptoms that they or others living in their house may experience.
- Schools will plan for entry and exit procedures that reduce the number of students and parents congregating outside and/or mixing around the practice areas and parking areas. We will consider staggering start and end times, assigning students to entries and exits to ensure even distribution of students entering/exiting at each entry point, providing guidance to students to enter one at a time and wait six feet apart outside the entrance.

Marching Band/guard Activities Conducted Outdoors

- Students and staff must maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when not actively practicing or rehearsing.
- Students may be placed in working groups but consider keeping like groups together if possible. Each working group should maintain appropriate distance from other working groups.

Marching Band Activities Conducted Indoors

Risk Mitigation

- Students and staff must maintain at least 6 feet of distance from all sides when not actively practicing or rehearsing.
- Indoor practices and rehearsals can be conducted up to a maximum of 50% capacity beginning July 6, 2020.

- Students may be placed in working groups. Each working group should maintain appropriate distance from other working groups.

Band Camp July 20th, 2020

- Band Camp begins July 20th, 2020 (9am-5pm) each day / Full Band and Guard
- Students / parents will follow all protocols for rehearsals - see specific plan of action document
- Students will have proper documentation on file (Covid forms)

Positive Cases and Staff or Students Showing COVID Symptoms

• If a positive case is identified among a participant in these summer activities, either staff or student, the group to which that staff or student was assigned and in contact with must be removed from the sessions while all members of the group self-isolate. If the confirmed individual regularly had close contact outside a single group, then all of the students and staff with whom the confirmed individual had close contact shall be removed from workouts for two weeks.

- The DCHS HS Marching Band/Guard will consider having students remain with a single group or cohort to minimize the number of students and staff that must isolate if a case is confirmed.
- For example: If a student in one cohort tests positive for COVID, the student and that one cohort must isolate. If that student was part of several cohorts, then the student and all of the cohorts they were a member of would have to isolate.
- Any staff member or student who experiences any of the symptoms of COVID (listed below) should self-isolate until the below conditions have been met.
- In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may visit when all three of the following criteria are met: at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to rehearsal until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to rehearsal before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.

• Any student or staff member living with someone who experiences any of the symptoms of COVID, whether they have a positive COVID test or not, should self-isolate for two weeks. If they do not experience any COVID symptoms during that period, they can return to summer workouts. If they experience symptoms, they must self-isolate until the conditions outlined above have been met.

COVID Symptoms for Screening

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| • Cough | • Loss of taste or smell |
| • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | • Diarrhea |
| • Chills | • Repeated shaking with chills |
| • Muscle pain | • Headache |
| • Sore throat | |
| • Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit | |
| • Known close contact with a person who is a lab confirmed to have COVID-19 | |



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July 6th - July 30th rehearsal guidelines

All Agreement forms for COVID Self-Assessment are due July 6th, 2020

Enter / Exit of building / Locker Rooms

- Students will enter Door #11 from the Parking lot each day
- Students will exit Door #12 when leaving the building at all times
- Follow Entry/Exit Doors to Band Rehearsal Lot (door #27)
- Students will be able to use locker rooms at 50% capacity
- Use of the Band Room proper or the Auditorium Lobby for instrument / equipment storage- neatly organized - will be encouraged.

Students will not share equipment

Students will not sit directly next to each other at meal/snack times (must leave at least 2 chairs between each other when in the cafe - including while standing in line / or sitting in the hallway). All staff will assist in monitoring during meal/snack time.

Students will stand 4 steps apart when in music rehearsals

- Staff will attempt to have the same groups rehearse in the same space each day.
- Brass needing to empty spit valves inside the building will use buckets that are provided and cleaned at the end of each rehearsal.

Teaching Drill / Choreography (begins July 20th)

- Students will learn drill and choreography as needed during visual rehearsal wearing masks as much as possible if inside.
- When outside students will be encouraged to wear a mask as much as possible, unless playing or spinning.

Agreement for Self-Assessment For DCHS Band/Guard Students



By signing below, I hereby certify that I viewed and read the Daily Self-Assessment information.

I further certify that I will do a Daily Self-Assessment at home each day before I come to school, and all answers will be “no” BEFORE reporting to school.

If any answers are “yes”, I will stay home and call my Directors. I will not return to school until advised to by the school nurse or the Band Director.

If I have questions or concerns, I will contact Todd Sconce, DCHS Asst. Principal at 317-856-5288

Signature of student _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

Acuerdo de autoevaluación para estudiantes de banda DCHS



Al firmar a continuación, certifico que he visto y leído la información de autoevaluación diaria.

Certifico además, que me haré una autoevaluación diaria en casa todos los días, antes de venir a la escuela y que todas las respuestas deberán ser "No" ANTES de reportarme a la escuela.

Si alguna respuesta resulta ser "Sí", me quedaré en casa y llamaré a mi entrenador. No regresaré a la escuela hasta que la enfermera de la escuela o el director de la banda me lo aconsejen.

Si tengo preguntas o inquietudes, me pondré en contacto con Todd Sconce, DCHS Asst. Principal @ 317-856-5288.

Firma del estudiante _____ Fecha _____

Nombre en letra de molde _____

Firma de la madre o padre _____ Fecha _____