

CCISD Visual and Performing Arts

At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, all VPA course offerings will be available brick and mortar learning environments, with most of the same course offerings in the Clear Connections online program.

- Teachers and students will have the tools they need to be successful in this learning environment. Some course content may be adjusted to accommodate for software or hardware issues. To the greatest extent possible, electronic access to learning materials and platforms, including a district supplied laptop for home use, will be made available if needed.
- A guaranteed and viable curriculum is outlined in the CCISD curriculum documents which are aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge Skills (TEKS).

VPA Program Safety Protocols

Marching Band Summer Rehearsal Guidelines and Classroom Instruction

General Information:

- All components of the marching band will follow CDC, TEA, UIL, TMEA, and CCISD guidelines to ensure a safe learning environment;
- Contact tracing will be an ongoing practice daily until further notice. Directors will utilize an online form or the band app to accomplish this task;
- Campus specific plans will be publicized for the safe entry and exit of students to/from the campus daily. The entry and exit points will be coordinated to minimize personal interaction and to facilitate social distancing. The plans may include a staggered drop off and pick up times;
- All stakeholders should do a preliminary self-check by reviewing all Pre-Screening Questions prior to arriving at school. The self-check questions are listed on page 5; and
- All rehearsals closed to spectators.

Outdoor Instructional Practices:

- Outdoor spaces will be utilized for the majority of the summer band instructional time;
- Change locations frequently when possible;
- No indoor full band playing rehearsals until further notice;
- Only small group instruction will take place at this time with a minimum of 10-foot distance between each student for indoor rehearsals and 7.5 feet for outdoor rehearsals (9 feet recommended for trombone slide);
- If social distancing is not possible, no more than 30 minutes of total wind instruction when utilizing inside spaces with a transitional time to clean area; and,
- If the chance of rain is forecast at 30% or higher, practice may be cancelled by director at a minimum of one hour prior to a scheduled outdoor rehearsal.

Indoor Instructional Practices:

- Instruction should take place in straight rows with a minimum of 6 feet between each student with instrument cover on;
- No stadium or sloped seating without increasing the front to back space;
- When playing, we recommend that each student utilize a different mask after rehearsal;
- No more than 30-minutes allowed for playing during the allotted classroom time with 20 minutes allotted for clearing the aerosols in the room;
- Alternate rehearsal spaces when possible;
- Students should not be allowed to move around the room during rehearsal;
- No playing allowed when HVAC system is not working fully;
- Additional instructional space should be provided when room capacity under social distancing is lower than the enrollment of the class;
- When possible, utilize outdoor spaces when class enrollment exceeds square footage allotment; and,
- Utilizing outdoor spaces must be approved and assigned by administrative staff.

Staff Expectations:

- Head Band Director will train and communicate to all stakeholders regarding Covid-19 Protocols and Procedures for marching band;
- Instructors will be required to wear mask when entering and exiting the facility;
- Instructors will be required to wear mask when possible while instructing;
- Instructors may utilize face shields as an additional barrier when instructing and monitoring students;

- Shared percussion and color guard equipment will be disinfected after every use;
- Gloves will be utilized by staff for the cleaning of all equipment;
- Music stands and chairs will be disinfected after every use by staff and secondary students;
- All breathing exercises must take place outdoors with a minimum of a 7.5-foot distance;
- All singing exercises must take place outdoors with a minimum of a 7.5-foot distance;
- All required forms, syllabus and music will be distributed electronically when possible;
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed and utilized throughout the facility and outdoors;
- When possible, the staff should assign student cases to be staged or placed in an outdoor secured space;
- Require students to be dressed appropriately upon arrival, no changing facility will be available;
- Recommend upon arriving at home each day individuals remove their clothes (in a garage if possible) and put those clothes directly into the washing machine;
- Encourage students to shower and wash hair daily to help mitigate the spread. In addition, wear long hair up in a tall bun and covering it up; and,
- Keep all egress clear for evacuation if needed.

Student Expectations:

- No in person group social activities sponsored by the band until further notice;
- No socializing before and after rehearsals on school property;
- All personal items must be properly stored and removed daily;
- Sharing of wind instruments and percussion mallets will not be permitted;
- No sharing of food and drinks;
- No sharing of band instrument lockers;
- Students must wear mask while entering and exiting the facility;
- Students must wear proper mask when possible during rehearsals;
- All marching band students will be responsible for bringing their own water supply. Sharing of water will not be allowed. All students need to bring enough water to last for the duration of the rehearsal. Each container should be properly labeled and stored. Campus ice machines and water fountains are not available;
- No wind accessories can be shared;
- Students should remain 6 feet apart at all times;
- Recommend upon arriving at home each day individuals remove their clothes (in a garage if possible) and put those clothes directly into the washing machine;

- Shower and wash hair daily to help mitigate the spread. In addition, wear long hair up in a tall bun and covering it up;
- It is strongly recommended that individuals of different households not travel in the same vehicle;
- Emptying of spit valves indoors will be placed on a doggy pad or paper towel and removed by student directly after each rehearsal. Directors may elect to create a centralized area for emptying spit and changing after every class period. Emptying spit valves outdoors should be done as low to the ground as possible;
- All cleaning/swabbing of woodwind instruments should take place at home;
- Only one student at a time will be allowed to use the restroom. Students will be required to wash their hands for 20 seconds per restroom visit. Students are encouraged to use a paper towel when opening restroom doors and disposing them immediately into a trash can located outside the restroom door;
- An updated and completed physical must be on file prior to the first day of rehearsal;
- Prior to arrival each day, every student must complete the screening questionnaire on their phone. If a student answers “YES” to any question or does not feel well, **they will stay at home and NOTIFY their director and let them know.** The director will report incident as per CCISD COVID-19 protocol. (see return to camp criteria at the bottom of this document); and,
- Any student who appears to have symptoms or who becomes sick during the day will be immediately separated from the others and **will be sent home.** The director will report the incident as per the CCISD COVID-19 protocol. (see return to camp criteria at the bottom of this document)

Booster Expectations

- No serving of water, snacks and food to students;
- All meetings must take place virtually; and,
- All booster interactions must follow staff expectations and protocols.

Primary Goals of VPA

- Limit risk of exposure by maintaining social distancing throughout all activities conducted at the Clear Creek ISD VPA department;
- Emphasize personal hygiene such as hand washing and use of hand sanitizer upon entry and exit of facilities;
- Implement routine and enhanced cleaning and sanitization of VPA equipment and facilities; and,

- Plan and communicate safe access to facilities to minimize personal interaction and facilitate social distancing.

Parent/Guardian Communication Plan

- Information will be provided to all parents/guardians outlining procedures and protocols that will be used within VPA programs and extra-curricular activities; and,
- Parents will be updated on changes in protocol.

Covid-19 Symptoms

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who has a lab confirmed to have COVID-19

Covid-19 Self-Health Assessment

IF a staff member OR student ANSWERS YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, YOU MAY NOT ENTER the school FACILITY AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN.

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1. Have you or anyone in the home had a fever or felt feverish (chills or shaking) in the past 3 days?
2. Have you taken any fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen in the past 24 hours for reasons related to illness or fever?
3. Have you or anyone in the home shown signs of respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of sense of taste or smell) in the past 10 days?
4. Have you or anyone in the home shown signs of gastrointestinal illness (recurrent nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) in the past 10 days?
5. Have you or anyone in the home had new or worsening headaches or muscle pains in the past 10 days (excluding migraines or injuries)?
6. Have you or anyone in the home had any contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
7. Are you or anyone in the home under investigation or monitoring for suspected COVID-19?
8. *If you have traveled outside the state of Texas in the past 14 days, please adhere to the Texas Department of State Health Services travel advisories and quarantine instructions listed on the COVID-19 webpage of its website under *Information for Travelers*.

RETURNING TO Marching Band Camp

Positive Cases and Staff or Students Showing COVID-19 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 the students and staff with whom the confirmed individual had close contact shall be removed from workouts for

two weeks. Schools should consider having students remain with a single group to minimize the number of students and staff that must isolate if a case is confirmed.

- For example: If a student in one group tests positive for COVID-19, the student **and** that one group must isolate. If that student was part of several groups, then the student and all the groups they were a member of would have to isolate.
- Any staff member or student who experiences any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) should self-isolate until the below conditions have been met.

Return to Camp Criteria

- 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)
 - The individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
 - 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 work until
 - The individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
 - If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work 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-19, whether they have a positive COVID-19 test or not, should self-isolate for two weeks. If they do not experience any COVID-19 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.