

WHS Fall Band & Covid 19 Protocol

The directors of the WHS Marching Band with support from students, parents, and the administration of WHS have crafted a plan that will allow for an active, safe, and rewarding marching band season during the COVID-19 Pandemic. A successful and safe season during this challenging time will take a collaborative effort from our members, families, community, and staff. We all must follow the guidelines and precautions put in place by state and local officials to ensure the safe participation of all our members. The band directors will continue to plan meaningful experiences for students in collaboration with all agencies, school administration, and communicated protocols. This document is designed to be a quick informational guide to help students and families navigate safety protocols and procedures for summer band.



Locations, Notes, and Info for Practice Sessions

- Winds, Battery, and Guard at practice fields and/or Indoor Athletic Center
- Front Ensemble in Band Hall 1 (Enter-garage door and exit-double glass doors)
- Anything not listed as **Virtual** will be In Person learning!
- Plan to arrive 15-30 minutes early to in-person sessions to allow time for the Covid 19 check-in process.
- Always arrive with masks on and water bottles full.

After School Schedule Starting Sept. 8				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutoring 4:00-4:30	Tutoring 4:00-4:30	Tutoring 4:00-5:00	Tutoring 4:00-5:00	Game Day
Marching Band 4:45-6:45	Marching Band 4:45-6:45		Marching Band 5:30-8:30	

Updated Fall 2020 Football			
Sept. 25	Copperas Cove	Away	7:30
Oct. 2	Arlington Lamar	Home	7:30
Oct. 9	Ennis	Away	7:30
Oct. 16	Open Date (Stadium Practice)		
Oct. 23	Desoto	Away	7:30
Oct. 30	Cedar Hill	Home	7:30
Nov. 6	Lake Ridge	Away	7:30
Nov. 13	TBD	Home	7:30
Nov. 20	TBD	Away	7:30
Nov. 27	TBD	Home	7:30
Dec. 3	TBD	Away	7:00
	Playoffs Begin	TBA	

UIL Marching Contest Schedule		
Date	Event	Site
Nov. 17	UIL Contest	Duncanville
Dec. 5	Area Marching	Little Elm
TBD	State Marching Contest	TBD

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What to Bring/Wear

- Bring and Wear a mask at all times except when practicing!
- **Gallon water bottle**, sunscreen, athletic attire, appropriate footwear, hats
- Woodwinds/Brass: Instruments, reeds/mps, Flip Folders will be issued on August 3rd
- Percussion: Sticks and mallets **(Do not sharing mallets or sticks)**

We are not sharing food, drink, or any personal items.

No water bottle/no practice and you could be sent to sideline and/or home.

Covid Procedures

- Mask must be worn into rehearsals, during breaks, and when exiting rehearsals.
- In an effort to maintain a safe environment, all students will be required to complete a COVID 19 screening form each day we have marching practice in Rankone.
 - Download app from your App source on phone
 - Log in and complete the Covid 19 Health screen prior to walking on field (can be done in class)
 - [Click Here to access form online](#)
- Entrance/Exits:
 - **Fields:** Enter at tennis courts and exit via concession stand into parking lot
 - **Band Hall 1:** Enter via garage door and exit through double glass doors
- Directors and students are expected to follow TEA and UIL social distancing guidelines:
 - When practicing we will stay appropriately distanced
 - When not practicing we will stay 6-8' apart at all times including arrival/departure
- No spectators are allowed in the buildings and/or at fields except for *Designated Volunteers*.
- Appropriate cleansing and disinfecting will be done on all equipment and areas between each group. All participants will go through an orientation and be instructed on social distancing rules, equipment safety, exit and entry procedures and UIL guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer and hand washing stations are available at fields before, during and after workouts.

Medical Forms & Physicals

- **All new students to band program must have a Medical History and Physical Form on file before participating with the marching band. (Contact Reggie Cook with questions....rcook@wisd.org)**
- Returning Students and WISD 8th graders in athletics must have all forms on file to participate.

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The Director of Bands will conduct meetings and train band directors that will be leading summer sessions with the intent to fully comply with the guidelines set forth by the UIL and state and federal agencies.

Summer band development sessions are not mandatory for students. Directors will continue to provide alternate plans to assist students that choose to continue to shelter in place.

Restrictions

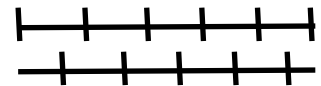
- Students are expected to wear masks at all times when not practicing
- Once roster is confirmed students will be assigned a storage space for instruments
- Do not share water or food
- Water fountains will not be available so bring a full water bottle
- No physical contact between directors and students (i.e. high five, pat on the back)
- Bathrooms will be designated (Only one or two students at time will be allowed to enter/exit)
 - WHS band halls will use restrooms located in the Theater Hall
 - WHS outdoor spaces will use concession restrooms
- Entrances and exits into rehearsals including inside will be separate to maintain physical distancing
- Indoor facilities will utilize a physical distance of 6-10' for placement in rehearsals (x marks the spot)
- Students will need to coordinate transportation to avoid standing around for long periods of time

Cleaning and Disinfecting Facilities and Equipment

- All instruments and shared items will be Spray Disinfectanted between each use
- Allow solution to be on the equipment for at least 1 minute
- Wipe dry before next use
- Handwashing Stations are available in bathrooms listed above
- Hand sanitizer stations will be accessible for student access before, during and after rehearsals
- The band staff is working on adding hands free hand washing stations and sanitizers at field

Other Covid 19 Mitigation Strategies

- A set of bell covers for the wind instruments is being purchased and will be used for inside practice
- Wind players need to bring a small towel for emptying spit valves inside and capturing condensation
- All students will be assigned a flip folder which will be distributed the week of Aug. 3
- Staggered Dismissals will be scheduled to assist with distancing and student flow issues
- Option A for bus travel is 1 student/adult per seat (26 a bus)
- Option B is one per seat every other seat (14 per bus)
- Bleacher seating at games will be 6' staggered in the windows every other row



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Required Screening before attending or participating in activities:

If staff have not been screened by the school for purposes of participating in instructional activities, schools must implement these screening protocols before allowing staff to participate in UIL activities.

- Schools must require staff to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in UIL activities or entering areas where UIL activities are being conducted. Symptoms are listed at the end of this document. The self-screening should include staff taking their own temperature. Staff must report to the school if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below. Additionally, they must report to the school if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, as defined at the end of this document, and, if so, must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until the 14-day incubation period has passed. Close contact is defined in this document below.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a student to participate in UIL activities if the student has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 until the below conditions for re-entry are met. School systems may consider screening students for COVID-19 as well. Screening is accomplished by asking questions by phone or other electronic methods and/or in person. The screening questions should also be asked of a student's parent if that parent will be dropping off or picking up their student from inside areas where UIL activities are being conducted.
- Before visitors are allowed access to areas where UIL activities are being conducted, school systems must screen all visitors to determine if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and if so, they must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below. Additionally, school systems must screen to determine if visitors have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and if so they must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until the 14-day incubation period has passed. When practical, screening questions could be supplemented with temperature checks of adults.
- Schools are permitted to prevent any individual who fails the screening criteria from being admitted into school facilities or sites where UIL activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry as described below. Any individual for whom screening cannot be confirmed should be presumed symptomatic until confirmed otherwise.

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

- Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
- In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school 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 symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed on page 4.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID-19 via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.

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Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

- Schools must immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- Schools should clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) as soon as is feasible.
- Students who report feeling feverish should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

Close Contact

This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. The definition of close contact is evolving with our understanding of COVID-19, and individual scenarios should be determined by an appropriate public health agency. In general, close contact is defined as:

- being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
- being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming lab test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming lab test.

Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School or in an Area Where UIL Activities Are being Conducted

If an individual who has been in areas where UIL activities have been conducted is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its [local health department](#), in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Schools must close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.

Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any UIL activities.

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COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following questions: Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit			
Loss of taste or smell	Cough	Sore throat	Headache
Diarrhea	Chills	Shortness of breath	
Difficulty breathing	Shaking or exaggerated shivering	Significant muscle pain or ache	

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Marching Band and Covid 19 Requirements

[WISD Health Screen Form](#)

[WHS Band Return to Practice Info](#)

[Preliminary Results of NFHS Aerosol Study](#) | [PDF Summary](#)

University Interscholastic League

[UIL Covid Updates](#)

[UIL Music Updates](#)

[UIL Covid Mitigation Guidelines](#)

[UIL Summer Marching Band Practice and Rehearsals v6-9](#)

[Update Regulations Concerning Aug-Sept Practice](#)

Texas Education Agency

[TEA Website](#)

[School Reopening Guidance](#) | [Public Health Guidance](#)

[TEA Summer Instruction, Activities and School Visits v6-9](#)

[Health Protocols for Outdoor Sports Participants](#)

