



Lawrence Township Perf. Arts Reopening – Phase 1 (July 6-19, 2020)

The MSD of Lawrence Township Performing Arts Re-Entry Plan is following least restrictive guidance from the [National Federation of High School Associations \(NFHS\) guidelines for returning to HS Marching Band](#), IMEA's Task Force Guidelines for [Choral](#), [Band](#), & [Orchestra](#), [American Choral Directors Association COVID-19 Response Committee Guidelines](#), & [Indiana Department of Education IN-CLASS Guidelines](#).

OVERVIEW OF PHASES – Please note that all phases are subject to change.

PHASE I: July 6-19, 2020

- *Social distancing should be observed when music is being taught. Students may learn the music standing still, spaced at a minimum of 6-foot intervals. If teachers need to move within the 6-foot area to correct a student's playing position, embouchure, posture, etc. they should do so briefly and then move back away.*
- *Instruments, equipment and sheet music should not be shared without proper cleaning and disinfecting, including drumsticks and color guard equipment.*
- *Only essential student performers, student participants, directors, medical staff, related supervisors, and security should be in attendance.*
- *Each student should have their own area designated for their case and other equipment that is their space alone and not touching other students' belongings.*

ALL SUMMER ACTIVITIES ARE VOLUNTARY.

PHASE II: July 20-August 15, 2020

- *Directors will implement a plan for getting instruments from the band room to the practice facility that allows for social distancing and sanitation.*
- *Social distancing should be observed when music is being taught. Students should learn the music standing still, spaced at a minimum of 6-foot intervals. If teachers need to move within the 6-foot area to correct a student's playing position, embouchure, posture, etc., they should do so briefly and then move back away.*
- *Shared musical equipment should be disinfected thoroughly before and after an individual's use of equipment.*
- *Only essential student performers, student participants, directors, medical staff, related supervisors, and security should be in attendance.*
- *No formal competition or performance is allowed.*

PHASE III: August 15, 2020 –

- *A record should be kept of all individuals present.*



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- *When not directly participating in rehearsal, care should be taken to maintain a minimum distance of 3 to 6 feet between each individual. Consider using tape or paint as a guide for students and directors.*
- *Shared musical equipment should be disinfected thoroughly before and after an individual's use of equipment.*
- **Social distancing during Contests/Events/Activities**
 - *Appropriate social distancing should be maintained during contests and events. Consider using tape or paint as a guide for students and directors.*
 - *Group people into tiers from essential to non-essential and decide which tiers will be allowed at an event.*
 - *Tier 1 (Essential): Student participants, directors, adjudicators, event staff, medical staff, security*
 - *Tier 2 (Preferred): Media*
 - *Tier 3 (Non-essential): Spectators, vendors*

Note: Only Tier 1 and 2 personnel will be allowed to attend events until state/local health departments lift restrictions on mass gatherings.

- *Adjudicators and volunteers should be given the option to wear face coverings (may use artificial noisemaker in place of whistle when needed).*
- *Hospitality rooms for adjudicators, directors, etc. should not include shared food service and should allow space for social distancing. Individual waters and pre-packaged snacks may be made available.*
- *Spectators, media, and vendors can be present but should implement social distancing and follow established mass gathering guidelines.*
- *Concessions may be sold if food handlers and cashiers use appropriate PPE and only prepared, prepackaged food is available.*

PRACTICE PROTOCOLS – Protect Against Infection

- *Should an student or staff member exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19, be undergoing testing for COVID-19, or be diagnosed with COVID-19, he/she must see a physician and be medically cleared for training prior to attending practice.*
- *Any student or staff who feel ill any way or have any of the following symptoms should stay home: Fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater), cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shakes with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, known contact with a person who is lab-confirmed, suspected, or under medical evaluation pending results for COVID-19.*
- *Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or longer, or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available, before beginning your session. Showering is best. Please come to practice clean.*
- *All students will be encouraged to wear a mask or face covering upon arrival and attest to self-evaluation for COVID-19 symptoms. Self-evaluation questions include:*
 - *In the past 72 hours, have you had a fever or chills and/or taken medication for a fever? (If unsure, please use a thermometer for an accurate reading. A temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit constitutes a fever according to medical professionals.)*



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- Do you have symptoms related to COVID-19 such as a new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
- In the past 14 days, have you been in close contact with (was within six feet for longer than 15 minutes without protective equipment) with a person known or suspected to have COVID-19 and/or you have been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- A staff member will ask students health and risk questions prior to facility entry. We will immediately send home students who report feeling ill, who are experiencing symptoms, or who have a high risk of exposure to COVID-19. Maintain social distancing upon entry and exit and avoid lines and congregation at entry and exit.
- Directors will keep the attendance of students participating in each rehearsal. Arrive as close as possible to when rehearsal starts and try to be timely when picking up students.
- No parents or family members will be allowed in to the rehearsal facility in accordance with the Indiana Department of Education Guidelines for Phases I & II. Please maintain social distancing at drop off and pick up.
- All students should arrive dressed and ready for rehearsal. There will be no changing in bathrooms or locker rooms.
- Bathroom use will be limited.
- Equipment used during practice will be cleaned with an EPA approved disinfectant.
- Staff will:
 - Be encouraged to wear masks or face coverings unless addressing a group using social distancing.
 - Maintain six feet spacing with athletes during rehearsals, as able.
 - Document attendance.
- Students should bring:
 - A mask, if possible, as they are encouraged to be worn upon entry of the facility, as well as any time music is not being played.
 - A full water bottle to avoid touching a tap or water fountain handle.
 - Hand sanitizer for individual use, if possible.

DURING REHEARSAL

- Maintain appropriate social distancing from other students when possible.
- Do not engage in celebratory acts such as hugging, shaking hands, or high fives.
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve/arm area. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Students must listen carefully and follow all adult instructions.

AFTER REHEARSAL

- Changing areas will not be available in Phase I. Change at home for the near future.
- Students will be dismissed in smaller groups. Leave the facility as soon as is reasonably possible after practice. No congregating or social activity should take place.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or longer, or use a hand sanitizer after leaving the field, court, or practice location.



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PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF A POSTIVE COVID-19 TEST

- The individual should immediately inform program directors.
- The Marion County Public Health Department will be contacted by MSD of Lawrence Township administration for additional guidance.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHOIR

A collaborative aerosol study will be made available sometime in July. This study measures the effect of aerosol spray for voices in multiple ranges and multiple instruments. Until this research is available to the public, show choir decisions beyond Show Choir Camp will be on hold.

Show Choir Camp for High School held in Late July should follow Phase II of Marching Band Guidelines as outlined above. No formal performance will be allowed.

Possible strategies to reduce the spread of droplets and aerosols during choral rehearsal based on emerging research

- *Strategic placing of singers with suggested physical distance*
- *Use of acoustic shields between rows and/or between individual singers*
- *Pivot instructional strategies to reduce the number of singers singing at any given time (small ensembles sing while others listen and assess)*
- *Use of humming during the learning process rather than open mouth singing*
- *Extended use of audition as an instruction strategy*
- *Increased use of student leadership and student-led instruction to facilitate division into smaller Groups*

Eliminate Sharing of Materials and Storing of Materials in Rehearsal Space

- *Each singer should have individual copies of music; do not share materials*
- *Consider eliminating storage of folders, music, etc. in the rehearsal space. Singers should take materials with them after each rehearsal.*
- *Delay assignment of school-owned uniforms. Make use of individually owned items such as program shirts for group performances.*
- *Use CDC guidelines to develop procedures for the sharing of equipment such as microphones, music stands, etc.*

A positive attitude and flexible spirit will be key to success as we move forward with re-entry. Please understand that modifications to our process may be required as we move forward. The health and safety of our students and staff are the top priority. Thank you for your support as we move towards a successful re-opening in August.