



Guidance for K-12 Performing Arts

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This guidance pertains to the Performing Arts at the youth and school grade level (K-12). The guidelines outlined in this document shall go into effect on **4/19/2021** and are subject to change pending release of new California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance. All of the following must be implemented and practiced before participating in any type of performing arts activity. For the purpose of this guidance, performing arts includes: Color Guard, Orchestra, Choir, Band, Percussion, other Music, and Drama/Theatre.

- Vulnerable individuals should not participate in group activities.
- All participants should be screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering any rehearsal.
- All other COVID-19 protocols and procedures remain in full effect.
- Practices/rehearsals should be conducted in pods with the same students and adults.
- Masks must be worn at all times by all performers, students, adults, and instructors. Modified masks (masks with mouth slits) must be worn for all wind and brass instrument players.
- There must be a minimum distance of 6 feet between everyone during indoors or outdoors practices. This includes all performers, musicians, and staff for those that do not generate respiratory droplets (drama, percussion, strings, color guard, dance, etc.).
- Required physical distancing while outdoors is 6 feet x 6 feet for all performers
- Required physical distancing indoors is extended to 9 feet for all singers and wind instrument players.
- For lengthy instruments such as but not limited to the trombone, alpenhorn or didgeridoo, aerosols could potentially be dispersed at the bell/exit end of the instrument, and 6 foot distancing should also be maintained from the bell/end of the instrument.
- Bell covers should be placed on all wind and brass instruments.
- No sharing of any type of musical instruments is allowed. This applies to all equipment.
- All equipment and musical instruments must be cleaned and disinfected before and after use as outlined under Equipment and Cleaning and Disinfecting.
- Require breaks of a minimum of 5 minutes every 30 minutes while indoors to allow the dispersion of droplets.

