

BMR Marching Band Fall 2020
Return to Practice
Safety Plan

General Health and Safety Precautions: (Rehearsal-specific safety precautions listed under “Practice Procedures”)

1. All directors, staff and students must screen for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to each rehearsal.
2. Temperature checks will be taken by the BMMA registered nurse upon arrival (for all staff and students). Students and staff will be asked if they are experiencing any of the [CDC-listed symptoms](#). Any staff or student with a fever or showing signs or symptoms will be sent home and encouraged to contact their health provider.
3. Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal so there is an accurate record of everyone present in case a student develops COVID-19.
4. At student check-in, hand sanitizer will be available and encouraged.

Practice Procedures

The following procedures are based on the guidelines provided by the [Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#) and the [Mass.gov website](#):

Facility Use:

1. The only spaces/rooms to be used for marching band are the band room and the bathrooms by the auditorium.
2. No more than 10 students will be allowed to retrieve their instruments/equipment at one time. Staff will stagger the entry of students to ensure this number remains consistent. (Students should bring instruments/equipment to and from home when size of the equipment allows.)
3. NO rehearsal will take place indoors. In the event that inclement weather is forecasted, practice will be canceled.
4. Each student will have their own instrument/piece of equipment and will be designated their own storage locker to keep their instrument/equipment. (Students should bring instruments/equipment to and from home when size of the equipment allows.)
5. Bathrooms will be limited to 1 student at a time. (This is not a change from how we normally limit bathroom numbers during a rehearsal.)
6. Students will not be allowed to remain or converge indoors at any time.
7. A face mask will be worn by all students and staff when entering the building.
8. Playing a wind instrument is not permitted while inside the building.
9. Students and staff will maintain at least 6’ of distance while in the building.
10. When appropriate, a one-direction in/out routing system will be implemented.

Outdoor Spaces:

1. Each rehearsal will contain no more than 50 students and staff at a time. Students will be divided into groups or subsections during rehearsals. (This is subject to change based on state guidelines and phase progression or regression.)
2. While playing and/or marching, students will maintain at least 10' of distance between other students and staff.
3. Students and staff will maintain at least 6' of distance during breaks or traveling around the campus.
4. Students must have a face mask on their person at all times. When applicable, students will wear a face mask while not playing.
5. A section-specific schedule will be created to ensure that each student will be able to participate in rehearsals at least once a week. Rehearsals will be staggered so that no more than 25 students will arrive or leave at one time. (There will not be more than 50 combined students and staff at any given time.)

Performances:

Students will not be traveling to or participating in any live performances this season. We will participate in a virtual critique run by our marching band conference.