



COVID-19 RETURN TO MARCHING BAND PLAN

The following plan is specifically for Hopkins County Schools and is based on the following:

- ☐ [CDC COVID-19 Information](#)
- ☐ [KY Governor's Office Healthy at Work Plan](#)
The entirety of the content of the Governor's order and youth sports parameters is listed online at <https://go.aws/2XfCZy8>
- ☐ [KHSAA Return to Participation Guidance Document](#)
- ☐ [KMEA Guidance for Return to High School Marching Band Activities](#)

This document applies to both high schools and all middle schools in our school district. Other districts may be more or less restrictive in their approach. Prior to implementation, this plan must be approved by the Hopkins County Health Department.

Please note the specific dates for each phase of the plan. As situations change, adjustments may be made to existing plans. For future phases, additional guidance will be forthcoming.

GUIDANCE FOR MARCHING BAND FOR JULY 21 AND BEYOND

General Guidance:

- All activities in this phase are voluntary and without repercussion for failure to attend.
 - Facilities must be completely cleaned and sanitized prior to any use. Those involved shall wash their hands according to the [CDC Guidelines](#), and hand sanitizer shall be available.
 - Strategies should be in place to prevent groups from gathering at entrances/exits to facilities.
 - Any areas contacted by individuals shall be wiped down and sanitized after use.
 - No more than eleven individuals (10 students and one director, 9 students and 2 directors, etc.) are permitted in any small group during this segment.
 - There must be a minimum of six (6) feet distance between all parties at all times. Confined areas such as locker rooms, dugouts, and offices shall not be a gathering point for participants unless the six (6) feet social distance is attainable.
 - All staff and students should be screened for signs/[symptoms of COVID-19](#) prior to participating, including a temperature check. Any person experiencing [symptoms of COVID-19](#) including a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher shall be sent home immediately and should contact their health care professional. Such situations will be documented by the band director, and a record shall be submitted to the administrator in charge.
 - All parties should wear face coverings at all times according to the [Governor's Executive Order](#).



- Water, food, and snacks shall not be furnished. If desired, students must bring their own water bottle, and sharing is prohibited.
 - Appropriate clothing shall be worn at all times.
 - Every effort shall be made to conduct activities outdoors. Plans should be in place to address inclement weather.
 - All areas of interaction must be supervised by a school board employee at all times to ensure all guidelines are followed.
 - School-level administration is responsible for monitoring compliance with these guidelines.
 - Students that might typically share an item should have their own equipment (such as certain percussion items). In the event the equipment absolutely must be shared, it should be thoroughly sanitized before and after use.
 - Additional guidance will be forthcoming with regard to putting marching drill to music once the commissioned aerosol research study is completed, and results have been published. [The study is described here](#)
- Contests, rehearsals, and travel after school begins.
 - Given the volatility of the circumstances, this guidance may change as developments occur and new recommendations are presented.
 - In the coming weeks, guidance for fall contests, rehearsals, and travel, to be informed by guidelines from state authorities will be forthcoming, including conclusions from the commissioned aerosol research study once it is completed.
 - These guidelines will be sent to schools once they are finalized and approved by KMEA. [Aerosol study described](#)



ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

PRIMARY

- [KMEA Guidance on Resumption of Marching Bands](#)

SECONDARY

- The current version of the content of the Governor's original order is listed online at <https://go.aws/2XfCZy8>
- The current version of the 10-person gathering restrictions is listed online at <https://go.aws/3ddCtWS>
- The current version of the 50-person gathering restrictions is listed online at <https://bit.ly/2XUMiUt>
- The current version of the guidance for gyms (not gymnasiums) and weight rooms is listed online at <https://go.aws/3dcbkDL>
- The current version of the guidance for fishing events is listed online at <https://go.aws/2ZJ0rW5>
- The current version of the guidance for bowling events is listed online at <https://go.aws/2ZJ0rW5>
- [KHSAA Updated Return to Sports Guidance 6-11-20](#)
- CDC Guidance on Youth Sports – <https://bit.ly/3hit2aX>
- CDC Guidance for Aquatic Centers – <https://bit.ly/3cSQbxd>
- CDC Guidance for Youth Camps – <https://bit.ly/2BY9NDt>
- CDC Guidance on Reopening Schools – <https://bit.ly/3dTITe5>
- NFHS Guidance on Resumption of Sports – <https://bit.ly/2MNgA53>
- NFHS Guidance on Resumption of Marching Band – <https://bit.ly/2BQIJWA>
- NATA Guidance on Return to Sport Considerations for Athletic Trainers – <https://bit.ly/2YlOjts>
- NATA Guidance on Telehealth for Athletic Trainers – <https://bit.ly/3dU013o>
- NATA Guidance on Impact of Remote Health Care – <https://bit.ly/3feSIJ6>
- Status of Various States on Athletics Reopening - <https://bit.ly/2UzVThk>