



## **COVID-19 Band and Choir Safety Plan Students in Grades 5-12**

Band and Choir Families, Grades 5-12:

The College Community School District recognizes that continued skill development, social interaction, and cultivation of passion are essential offerings for our young musicians. The district is prioritizing the safety of students and staff as music courses are designed for the coming school year. Research-based procedures have been developed based on data from the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, Linn County Public Health, the Performing Arts Aerosol Study from University of Colorado-Boulder, the Iowa Choral Directors Association, the Iowa Bandmasters Association, and in collaboration with the Iowa High School Music Association.

### **Safety Measures - All Ensembles**

1. Traditional indoor performances (ensembles performing for an in-person audience) have been suspended until at least December.
2. In the hybrid instruction model, 6 feet of distance will be maintained between rows during ensemble rehearsals.
3. Ensembles will rehearse in straight lines facing the same direction instead of traditional arc formations.
4. Students will not share materials or equipment including (but not limited to) instruments, music, music stands, music folders, supplies, accessories, or pencils whenever possible.
5. Cleaning and disinfecting of classroom surfaces will occur as often as possible between classes.
6. Music classes will be held in the largest spaces available.
7. The HVAC system in each building has been optimized to allow for maximum air exchange rates in rehearsal spaces.

### **Choir-Specific Considerations:**

1. Masks are required in all vocal music classes.

### **Band-Specific Considerations:**

1. Band students are encouraged to provide and wear a mask with a slit or flap for their mouthpiece (with the exception of percussionists, who should wear a normal mask). This mask is to be worn exclusively for band class and should be laundered at least weekly.
2. Band instruments (except percussion) will have a cover over the bell, face, and/or end of their instrument when rehearsing indoors. Our District will be providing the bell covers for our students' instruments. Bell covers should also be laundered at least weekly.
3. Traffic flow procedures will be implemented to maximize distancing in instrument storage areas.

**Please reach out to your student's band or choir director if you have any questions.**

Creek Band- [Tricia Beightler](#), [Wendy Morton](#), and [Kendra Parker](#)

Point Band- [Jeff Fountain](#), [Jonah Prall](#), and [Jeff Schafer](#)

Creek and Point Choir- [Lauren Fladland](#) and [Kelly Truax](#)

High School Band- [Deron Jimmerson](#) and [Charles Oldenkamp](#)

High School Choir- [Kelsey Legore](#) and [Justin Sands](#)