

Blanchard Bands

Summer Protocol 2020

Blanchard Public Schools in conjunction with state agencies, physicians, and the CDC, has determined that we can safely resume activities on July 6th. The Blanchard Bands understand our unique situation and have implemented some restrictions to help protect our students and staff. The situation surrounding COVID-19 is fluid and adjustments will be made as needed.

All students are asked to take their temperature at home prior to attending practice/rehearsal. If they have a temperature and/or are feeling ill, they need to stay home. Additionally, temperatures will be taken upon arrival to practice and if it is 100.4 or above, students will be sent home. Parents/guardians dropping off students need to remain on site until the student has cleared their health screening.

Students need to bring a face covering (gator, mask, bandana) with them and will be asked to wear them during certain activities. There will be masks available for students who don't have their own. All participation by students is voluntary and is not required by Blanchard Bands.

Requirements for All Practices & Rehearsals

- Attendance at practices/rehearsals will be optional for students. Attendance records shall be kept, however, students shall not be required or allowed to make up missed days or practices.
- Students should report to practices/rehearsals in proper attire and immediately return home to change clothes or shower at the end of the session.
- Students should not gather in parking lots or anywhere else on campus before or after practices/rehearsals.
- During practices/rehearsals, staff must ensure appropriate social distancing, hygiene, and safety measures are implemented.
- We will have hand sanitizer readily available in the practice/rehearsal areas. Students and staff will be encouraged to use it frequently.
- All surfaces in practice/rehearsal areas will be thoroughly disinfected throughout and at the end of each day. No clothing or towels may be laundered on site, shared during practices/rehearsals, or left overnight.

- There can be no shared water or food. **ALL students will be required to bring their own LABELED water bottle or jug to each and every practice. If a student arrives without a LABELED water bottle or jug, that student will not be permitted to stay.** Water fountains are not to be used, but the touchless water bottle refill stations will be available. These water stations will be sanitized at the end of each day.
- Students will not be permitted to eat in the band room. Students may eat in the commons where proper distancing and thorough disinfecting will take place.
- Before the start of summer practices/rehearsals, we will ask parents to pre-screen all students for COVID-19 symptoms that they or others living in their house may experience. Students and staff must self-screen every day for COVID-19 symptoms for themselves and family members. These symptoms include, but are not limited to, a temperature of 100.4 or higher, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose.
- **Students' temperatures should be taken prior to the arrival of any and all summer practices/rehearsals. If they have a temperature and/or are feeling ill, they need to stay home. Additionally, temperatures will be taken upon arrival to practice. If a students' temperature is 100.4 or above, they will be sent home. Parents/guardians need to stay at the practice until the student has been cleared to stay after their health screening.**
- Students and staff will maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when not actively practicing/rehearsing. When actively practicing/rehearsing, students and staff will maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides. Face coverings are encouraged when not playing or during breaks while at rehearsals, but are not mandatory. Face coverings will be mandatory during certain group activities.
 - Staff members who need to move within six feet of students for any reason will be wearing a face covering.

Activities Conducted Indoors & Outdoors

- Students and staff will maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when not actively practicing/rehearsing. When actively practicing/rehearsing, students and staff must maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when possible.
- All practices/rehearsals will be 100% non-contact from student to student as well as staff to student.

Illness Policies

- Students who miss practice/rehearsal due to illness must be tested for COVID-19 and bring proof of a negative test to a director before returning to practice/rehearsal. This includes having a fever, whether at home or at practice/rehearsal.
- A student who tests positive must contact a director immediately. The director will then contact the administration, parents (via email), and students (if present).
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, band directors and administrators will determine whether practices/rehearsals will continue or pause. This decision will be made by evaluating numerous factors and will be communicated to all involved parties.

Finally, your student's presence at rehearsal means you and your student understand and agree to abide by everything in this document, the Blanchard Bands Summer Protocol 2020. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a director at your earliest convenience for further discussion.