

COVID Safety and Mitigation Supplement

2021-2022



Welcome back to a new school year! We look forward to seeing more of our students in-person, working towards safely making music together. In this document, we'll share some of our strategies and procedures to keep our classes as safe as we can, given our facilities, classes, and situations.

Classroom Procedures

- Our classes feature students spaced at least 3 feet apart (more, when possible), increased ventilation (HVAC modifications and use of open windows), and additional free-standing fans and air filtration units.
 - Students will follow seating charts to allow for monitoring and contact tracing, if necessary.
 - Continued use of one-way entrances and exits to minimize student interactions
 - No sharing of common items, books, music, instruments
 - Use of hand sanitizer upon entering the classroom
 - Sanitizing of high-contact surfaces between uses
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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Per Hawaii Department of Education regulations, all students will be required to wear masks while indoors, including Music Department students (Band, Orchestra, Chorus Ukulele). Wind instrumentalists should purchase or make a mask that features an opening for their mouthpiece or reed to enter.



This year, flutes will require a [mask that features a headjoint pouch with two slots on either side](#). Flute students can ask their band teacher about purchasing one through the Department. All wind instruments will also require a bell cover, to keep aerosols from coming out of the bottom or opening of the instrument.



Rehearsals, Practicing, and Concerts

In 2020-2021, students were fully online, then in blended and hybrid learning. This year, we hope to return to a sense of normalcy with the return of rehearsals and in-person concerts if circumstances allow.

- Students who wish to practice in music classrooms during common times (morning recess, STAR time, lunch recess) may ask their teacher for permission. Teachers will control the number of students to prevent overcrowding - priority may be given to students with large instruments, or those who cannot make noise practicing at home.
- When/if rehearsals begin, only students participating in rehearsals will be allowed to remain on campus after school (no hanging out, waiting for friends, etc.). Students will need to leave campus (on own or picked up) immediately after rehearsal finishes.
- In light of the challenges posed by Distance Learning, our goal is to have in-person concerts this year. This may be outdoors or in the cafeteria - it may have an allowed audience or may have to be pre-recorded. We will remain flexible and attuned to the current COVID situation to choose the most appropriate option.

Online Resources

Distance Learning introduced a number of resources that we will continue to use into this school year.

- Parents and students should stay up-to-date with assignments and grades on Infinite Campus and Google Classroom
- Practice Sheets will be submitted electronically on Google Classroom to minimize paper contact
- Recorded playing tests may be done using Screencastify

If you have any other questions, please refer to the Music Department Handbook or ask your child's teacher through their k12.hi.us email address.