**Harlingen South Band**

**2020 Fall Semester**

**Safety Protocol Plan**

**Period 1, 3, 4, 5 Harlingen South M, T, W, R, F**

Students will be met at the main entrance to the band hall by instructors who will take the temperature of each student before they enter the band hall. Any student with an above normal temperature will be asked to step to the side of the hallway and wait. Once students demonstrate appropriate body temperature they will move to a hand sanitizing station, then proceed directly to their assigned seat. Those who were asked to wait outside will be escorted to the designated waiting room in the school and wait to be picked up by guardians or remain in the room, properly distanced, until the end of school.

Students who are seated will be asked in small groups to retrieve their instruments from their instrument lockers. Designated pathways will be established and followed to allow for efficiency and safety. Student chairs will be arranged so that they are 6 feet apart in all directions. Each student in the band hall will have a special mask that they are given that will allow them to play in class while keeping their mouths and noses covered the entire time. Any water emptied from an instrument water key will be directed into an absorbent material that will be disposed of at the end of every class in a separate trash bag.

Towards the end of the class students will be released in small groups to put their instruments back in their lockers. Once they have done this they will move to a designated area marked in 6-foot increments where they will wait for the bell to dismiss them. All students will exit out of the main doors of the band hall.

After all students have safely exited the band hall, directors will use sanitization foggers to disinfect the chairs, stands, lockers, door handles and other surfaces that are used by the students. The hall will then be reset to prepare for the next class.

**Period 5**

The last period of the day will be handled in the same way except for the end of class. At the conclusion of the class all students will be directed into the cafeteria to wait until 5:00 when after school marching practice begins. While in the cafeteria students will be seated in desks and have the opportunity to study or relax until it is time to exit to the outside practice field. Students that are coming to school from home or Cano will meet in the cafeteria with the other students that were present during the day.

Students will be allowed to change into rehearsal clothes during this hour after school. Students will use designated bathrooms that will be monitored by directors for safe occupancy for changing. Once a student has changed they will be directed back to the cafeteria to wait.

At 4:45 directors will check temperatures once again as students exit the cafeteria, in small groups, and move to the band hall to take large instruments and front ensemble equipment to the practice field. The will walk north down the girls’ athletic hallway and enter the band hall from the main entrance. They will pick up their horns and exit the band hall through the rolling garage door and proceed to the parking lot for practice.

At the conclusion of practice students will place horns in lockers and wait on the practice parking lot outside for their rides.

**Cano 3rd period 9:50-10:40**

Below are the listed precautions that will be taken during daily face to face and hybrid class time:

OVERALL GUIDELINES

SANTIZATION

• Disinfection and Sanitation- facilities will be disinfected and sanitized, per HCISD guidelines, before, during, and after band activities.

• Restrooms will be available for hand washing. Students will be permitted to use the restroom as needed- one at a time. Hand sanitizer stations will also be available.

• At no time will instruments be shared.

* Should lockers be in need, locks and cage doors will be sanitized after class.

• Doors will be propped open (push bar) so that door handles are not utilized upon exit.

* + Hand sanitizer will be placed at the entrance of the band hall for use upon re-entry.

**During School Day**

• Students must stay home if they indicate symptoms of illness or exposure on the screening questionnaire.

• All guidelines set forth by HCISD concerning entry to school must be observed.

• Should a student display symptoms, he/she will be placed in one of the designated practice rooms in the second rehearsal hall. He/she will wait until arrival of the nurse.

• All students must provide their own cloth face masks. They will only be allowed to remove their face masks when instructed.

• During indoor rehearsals, students will be at a 6 foot spacing.

• 6 foot distancing will be observed when students are not in instructional sessions.

• Students will enter from the main band hall doors and go directly to their assignment seats. A band director will be in each location to monitor social distancing.

• Students will be dismissed appropriately to avoid congestion in the band hall and hallways. Students will exit from the same door that they entered from.

**BAND STAFF REQUIREMENTS**

• Band Staff will check in online and complete the screening process before being checked in at the front office for daily temperature check.

• Band Staff will stay at home if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.

• Band Staff will wear a cloth mask and will use hand sanitizer before, during and after sessions.

**\* For performances and after school rehearsals, the Cano band will follow high school protocols set in place\***

**After School Marching Rehearsals 5:00-7:15 M, T, R**

While on the marching practice field student students will warm up at a 4-step interval (6-foot spacing). Our drill is custom written with social distancing in mind. Students will need to provide their own water jugs for breaks. During breaks students will maintain proper distancing. Student leaders and directors will help monitor procedures and look for issues that may arise.

**Football Games Oct. 30, Nov.13, Nov. 19, Nov 27**

All football games will take place at Bogus stadium. There will be no bus transportation for students who are participating in marching band. Students will be required to be dropped off and picked up at the stadium. Parents will use the parking lot off *E. Jefferson St.* to pick up and drop off.

Students will be seated in the north end zone in chairs at field level. Parent volunteers will distribute water bottles to students throughout the game. Parents will also escort students to the restrooms as needed.

At the conclusion of the game the students will return to the large parking lot off of E. Jefferson and wait to be called when their ride arrives. The equipment truck will return to South to be unloaded.