

Hinds Eagle Marching Band – Safe Rehearsal Policy

All band students will acknowledge and adhere to the “Healthy @ Hinds” policy that will be released later in Canvas. In addition to the Healthy @Hinds policy, all band students will adhere to the items below. Your cooperation is expected and appreciated as we work to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Failing to follow these guidelines could cause a shutdown of our rehearsals and limit our ability to perform during the fall 2020 semester.

1. Band Hall Entry and Exit

- a. All students will enter and exit through designated doors while maintaining social distancing. Please pay attention to signs posted in and around the building.

2. Face masks

- a. All students will follow the Healthy @ Hinds face mask policy while on campus. Further rules and exceptions are listed below.
- b. Non-wind players will wear a face mask at all times during indoor rehearsals. Exceptions will be made for Guard and Hi-Steppers who are performing and rehearsing under extreme physical exertion. Social distancing of a 10’ minimum will be expected for Guard and Hi-Steppers during indoor rehearsals.
- c. Face masks may not be required outside while actively rehearsing but will be worn during breaks and when going to and from the practice field.
- d. Any student who has a medical issue with wearing a face covering will provide proof from a healthcare provider upon arrival to band camp.
- e. Special face masks and/or shields will be provided for all flute/piccolo players at no charge.
- f. The college will provide one face mask for each member of the band. This face mask is an official part of the Hinds band uniform and you will be expected to keep up with it.

3. Rehearsals and Breaks

- a. Students are expected to adhere to the band camp schedules provided and report ON TIME for their designated rehearsal time.
- b. All indoor rehearsals will take place in small groups that will allow for a minimum of 6’ social distancing between students. No chairs will be used – be prepared to stand.
- c. Rehearsals involving the full band will take place outside – under the trees or at the practice field. Students will be placed at a 3.5 – 4 step interval at all times (6.5-7.5 feet).
- d. Breaks will be staggered so students do not cross paths or congregate in large groups.
- e. At no time will students be allowed to gather in groups in the band hall lobby, outside the band hall, instructor studios, music library, upstairs, or on the band practice field.
- f. All furniture has been removed from the lobby hallway. Please charge your phone before arrival to camp and do not sit on the floor in the lobby, hallways, or rehearsal rooms. Please do not bring stored chairs to lobby from rehearsal or practice rooms.
- g. **Due to potential cross contamination, the band will no longer provide water and sports drinks during breaks. All students are required to provide their own water, Gatorade, ice, and coolers each day. In addition, the ice machine in the band hall and all water fountains, water hoses, etc will be disabled for the foreseeable future. Students will fill water bottles or coolers at home or in their dorm room. *The cafeteria will not allow students to fill coolers with ice and/or water. BE PREPARED!***
- h. The refrigerator and microwave in the music library is for faculty use ONLY and will not be used by students.

4. Each student will need the following for band camp:
 - a. Spray bottle filled with rubbing alcohol (There are already shortages of rubbing alcohol in stores. You can buy a gallon on Amazon for about \$50.)
 - b. Sanitizing wipes (Clorox or Lysol wipes)
 - c. Water cooler (The band will provide one small personal 64 oz water cooler per student – feel free to bring an additional cooler.) Again, there will be no water or ice available in the band hall or cafeteria.
 - d. Ice trays for your dorm refrigerator
 - e. Face mask (The band will provide ONE official Eagle Band neck gaiter face mask but feel free to bring your own.)
 - f. Sunglasses and hat
 - g. Towel for water keys (brass only)
 - h. Sunscreen and insect repellent
5. Equipment and lockers
 - a. Lockers will NOT be assigned to students with personal instruments. Students with personal instruments will be expected bring their instruments and case to and from rehearsal each day.
 - b. Instrument cases will not be stored in the band hall overnight. You must take them home or to your dorm room. Please do not leave them in your vehicle either. This can cause great damage.
 - c. All wind players will bring cases and instruments to and from the practice field each day. Exception made for sousaphones.
 - d. At no time will students share equipment (mallets, sticks, horns, drums, flags, poms, etc)
 - e. School owned instruments
 - i. The outer perimeter of the floor in rehearsal hall 119 will be marked off for students using school owned marching mellophones and euphoniums.
 - ii. Sousaphones will continue to be placed on the back wall in room 119.
 - iii. Students using small school owned wind instruments (flutes, clarinets, trumpets, etc) will be assigned a locker. Please maintain social distancing when getting your instrument.
 - iv. Music majors using school owned wind instruments will be assigned a locker.
 - f. Guard and Hi-Steppers will be assigned a flag bag and will be expected to keep it with them at all times. Flags, bags, or other equipment will not be stored in the band hall or Bee Hall after they are assigned to students.
 - g. Bell covers will be provided for all brass instruments.
 - h. Binders and flip folders will be assigned to all musicians. It is your responsibility to bring it to rehearsal daily. No exceptions.
6. Practice rooms and rehearsal halls (beginning August 17th)
 - a. The band hall will open at 7:30-8:00 am (M-F) and close at 4:30 pm (M-Th) and 3:00 pm (F).
 - b. At no time will students be allowed in the band hall after 4:30 pm unless there is a supervised scheduled ensemble rehearsal. No student keys will be issued.
 - c. The band hall practice rooms will be available for music majors ONLY from 8am – 4:30pm each day.
 - d. The band hall will not be open on the weekends. Please be sure you have all items with you when you leave on Fridays.
 - e. Each student is responsible for cleaning music stands before and after each use.
 - f. Chairs will be made available in the practice rooms but must not leave the room.
 - g. Only one person per practice room is allowed.

7. Cleaning procedures
 - a. Each student is responsible for helping sanitize after each rehearsal.
 - b. All students will be responsible for sanitizing their own music stands and equipment before after each use.
 - c. All brass players will provide their own towel to use when emptying water keys. Towels will not be shared or left in the band hall. Students are expected to bring a clean towel to rehearsals each day.
8. Supplies
 - a. All t-shirts, shorts, miscellaneous supplies, reeds, valve oil, etc will be given out during band camp. Please fill out the enclosed form and bring with you to check in. You will be billed for the total amount.
 - b. Replacement supplies will be made available as needed during the semester.
9. Instrument repairs
 - a. Major repairs will be sent to MS Music and charged to the student.
 - b. Students may be guided by faculty members for minor repairs (personal instruments only).
 - c. Each repair decision will be taken on a case by case basis.