 

**SY 2021-2022**

**k-12 DMPS Performing Arts Classrooms will follow the guidance as set by the Iowa High School Music Association (IHSMA) for in-person classes and rehearsals.**

*At-a-glance:*

Students will be able to sing, play, and rehearse with the following safety measures in place:

* + All students are masked at all times
  + Students many NOT share music or instruments

Safety Recommendations:

* + Proper cleaning procedures are implemented (see guidance below)
  + All students are socially distant from each other (6 ft. minimum, trombones 9X6 ft.)
  + Rehearsals should take place in the largest indoor environment possible (auditoriums, gyms) or outside, weather permitting
  + Students should sit in straight rows, facing the same direction back to front
  + Rehearsals should last no longer than the length of one air cycle *in one space*\*

\*If the HVAC system runs every 30 minutes, students could rehearse in the auditorium for 30 minutes then move to another classroom space to continue learning. Staff and students should not return to the initial space until a full, 30 minute air change cycle has occurred.

Please see the below document for additional guidance for band, orchestra, and chorus regarding safety measures, including sanitizing procedures.

[IHSMA Return to Learn Guidance for Band, Chorus, and Orchestra](https://ihsma.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/IHSMA-Return-to-Learn-Guidance_BandChorusOrchestra_final.pdf)

Additional Resources:

[Unprecedented International Coalition Covid-19 Study](https://www.nfhs.org/articles/unprecedented-international-coalition-led-by-performing-arts-organizations-to-commission-covid-19-study/)

[How Well Do Masks Work to Stop Covid-19? – PBS Digital Studios Video](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=266057788032983&extid=8ESmGOag6RdsnUyQ)

[COVID-19 Safety Tips for Musicians](http://www.progressivemusiccompany.com/covid-19-precautions/)

[Iowa Alliance for Arts Education – COVID-19 Guidance and Resources](https://iowaalliance4artsed.org/covid-19-arts-education-guidance-and-resources/)

Extension Opportunities Outside of the School Day:

* All extension opportunities must adhere to the above safety measures
* All extension opportunities must adhere to the District-wide protocols