



Mound Westonka High School
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In accordance with the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Department of Education, American Choral Directors Association, and Minnesota Music Educators Association, the following safety precautions will be adhered to at all times during live rehearsals for all performing arts Mound Westonka ensembles.

MWHS In-Person Safety Guidelines for Band

- Bell covers will cover the end of each wind instrument (school will provide)
- Inserts of MERV 13 material will line each bell cover (school will provide)
- Paper masks with a slit for the mouthpiece for wind players to use while playing (school will provide). There will be a special "flute flap" mask for flutists. Percussionists must wear their regular masks indoors.
- Proper spacing (6 feet for most instruments, 6x9 for trombones) will be kept, indoors and outdoors
- Rehearsals will be held outside when possible
- Indoor rehearsals will be in the PAC
- Rehearsals will be a maximum of 30 minutes long, followed by time for the air to clear
- For indoor rehearsals, brass students with water keys ("spit valves") will be reminded to empty them into small pieces of absorbent material (school will provide)
- Cardboard music folders will be provided, in sizes that fit easily in a backpack (rather than the larger folders which were kept in a shared folder cabinet)
- Percussionists will be required to wash hands prior to starting class, as they will be sharing some large equipment (bass drum, marimba, etc) and some implements (bass drum beater, chime mallet). Percussion instruments will be cleaned between classes as indicated in Percussive Arts Society recommendations.
- Instrument storage will be reconfigured with new spaces to avoid crowding in the locker area.
- Large instruments such as tubas and baritones will not be shared between students.
- Curriculum has been adjusted to account for outdoor, distanced, and smaller-group activities.
- Circle rehearsals and other creative seating will be avoided. Students will all face the same direction when playing.

MWHS In-Person Safety Guidelines for Choir

- Upon entrance to the PAC, students will use provided hand sanitizer
- All students will be given an assigned seat with a row and a number
- Students must remain in their seat during rehearsal
- Students will be seated 12 or more feet apart in the auditorium at all times
- Students must wear a mask AT ALL TIMES in the auditorium
- Students will be singing for a maximum of 30 minutes in the auditorium
- Students will be given an assigned folder with materials that must be brought to class each week
- Students will use the PAC restrooms during choir practice
- No circle singing will be allowed. Students must face the same direction when singing