



# SMSD Performing Arts Covid Guidelines-at-a-Glance

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This document provides a high-level overview of the SMSD Spring Performing Arts Guidelines. It is not meant to replace reading and understanding all of the mitigations, but rather to reinforce the primary points of the document for all Performing Arts activities in Shawnee Mission Schools. The full guidance document can be found [here](#).

As case numbers continue to change, all guidance documents will continue to be reviewed and updated as needed. It is our hope that by early May we will be able to allow performances at all levels in an outdoor environment since that is the safest manner for our audiences and students.

String orchestras may rehearse at three foot spacing and may rehearse without the ten minute breaks that must be observed by bands and choirs.

Following are the primary continued mitigation measures for performing arts activities. Students involved in theatre activities are similar to band and choir due to the vocal projection of dramatic dialog and should apply the mitigations below as appropriate.

1. All students and staff will wear well-fitting masks. It is highly encouraged that singers wear double or even triple-layer (singers masks).
2. All vocalists and wind instrumentalists must be a minimum of six feet apart during singing/playing activities. If that is not possible due to the number of participants, smaller groups (pods/sections) may rehearse (at six foot spacing) while other students sit quietly away from each other (three feet) waiting for their turn to rehearse. Outdoor rehearsals are preferred when possible due to the extra mitigation provided by the natural air environment. A change of location still needs to take place every 30 minutes.
3. When indoors, the provided air scrubbers will be running throughout rehearsals (band and choir). Rehearsals must be 30 minutes or less, then a 10 minute break is taken in which everyone leaves the space and the air scrubbers are turned to high speed.
4. All wind instrument performers must play with a bell cover including a MERV 13 filter inside the bell cover. Tubas are exempt from this requirement based upon aerosol research.
5. Elementary school performances are on hold until further notice. It is hoped that by May performances can be allowed.
6. Secondary performances are being allowed at this time. Specific performer and audience protocols can be found in the full [SMSD Performing Arts Covid Guidelines](#) document. Outdoor is the preferred location for all performances. HS auditoriums are the next best location allowing for social distancing. Performances may need to be stacked i.e. 6pm, 7p.m., 8 p.m.
7. Attendance at outside-of-school rehearsals and performances cannot be required in the 2020-2021 school year.