



Southern Lehigh School District

Music & Extracurricular Activities Health and Safety Plan

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Introduction

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and to ensure the health, safety, and wellness of student musicians and students participating in extracurricular activities, the following is the Southern Lehigh School District plan for a safe return to music instruction K-12 and participation of extracurricular activities. This plan applies to staff members of the Southern Lehigh School District who are directly associated with the music education programs and extracurricular activities. This plan is in effect immediately. As more public health information becomes available, the Southern Lehigh School District (SLSD) Administration will work with local and state health agencies to update guidance which could impact music education programming in the Southern Lehigh School District. All aspects of the approved [Southern Lehigh School District Health and Safety Plan](#) are to be followed in addition to the supplementary guidance below.

The music program of the Southern Lehigh School District remains committed to providing outstanding instruction throughout this coming school year despite the challenges this year will present. This document contains the guidelines that Southern Lehigh will be following to begin K-12 music instruction. These guidelines were created by referencing documents and research distributed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), the CDC, the NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations: Music Committee), and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. This document has been assembled and reviewed by a team of our district administration, building level administration, district nursing staff, and the SLSD K-12 music faculty.

As a district, Southern Lehigh is taking every possible precaution to ensure that the students and staff will remain safe while on our campus. If families elect to keep their students at home, there will be alternative assignments in music education courses for students enrolled to complete. Course grading will follow the same procedures as outlined in the individual music course syllabus.

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General Information

- All SLSD students and staff will be required to complete a [Daily Health Screener](#), at home prior to the start of the school day as a critical component of the SLSD Health and Safety Plan. Fundamental health screening criteria are as follows:
 - If a SLSD student or staff member has a temperature of 100.0 or higher or an individual is showing symptoms of COVID-19 they will immediately be isolated and will be sent home.
 - All SLSD students or staff members **MUST** stay home and not attend school, practice, an extracurricular activity, or athletic competition if they have a temperature of 100.0 or higher or are showing symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Anyone who is sick shall stay home with no repercussions.
 - All SLSD students or staff members **MUST** cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing if they are not wearing a mask.
 - Additional health and safety guidelines are outlined within this plan if students or staff begin to demonstrate symptoms of COVID-19.
- All SLSD staff must develop a system to ensure accurate records of students and staff who attend each practice, performance, event, or competition in the event that contact tracing is needed following a COVID-19 exposure.
- The SLSD will follow appropriate social distancing guidelines of at least 6 feet in all instructional settings to the maximum extent feasible. Enforcement of social distancing will take place through increased spacing, breaking larger groups up into smaller groups, and limited mixing between groups of students. Students and staff should avoid unnecessary physical contact, such as hugging, high fiving, shaking hands, or fist bumping for support/encouragement.
 - In addition, behaviors that increase the risk of exposure to saliva shall not be allowed; including chewing gum, spitting, licking fingers, and the clearing of condensation from brass instruments in a manner that does not follow the procedures set forth by the national organization.
- When feasible, SLSD practices, rehearsals, competitions, and extracurricular activities should be held outdoors (rain, thunderstorms, and excessive heat will require students to be indoors). If a session is moved indoors due to inclement weather, the session must be completed in a manner that supports social distancing and broken into additional settings as necessary to ensure compliance with indoor congregate gathering limits of 25 persons.
- The 2020-2021 SLHS Marching Band Field Show will be structured in a manner that takes into account fundamental social distancing guidelines.
- Each SLSD Staff member will be responsible for the development of a schedule to ensure social distancing guidelines to the maximum extent feasible. Schedules must be shared with building administrators as a means of supporting the SLSD Staff member's individual needs

and to ensure that cleaning and ventilation standards are completed in areas being used after school hours.

- The SLSD will continue to encourage all students and staff to regularly and thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - All SLSD staff will promote healthy hygiene practices including but not limited to hand washing or hand sanitizer when soap and water is not feasible during practices, rehearsals, competitions, and extracurricular activities.
- Per the [Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Universal Face Covering Order](#) (July 1, 2020), all Southern Lehigh School District students are required to wear a face covering at **ALL** times while at school, even when six feet of social distance can be achieved unless a student with disabilities whose IEP or 504 teams have granted an exception. Face coverings should be either a solid color or patterned and all symbols or words appearing on the face covering must comply with school appropriate dress guidelines outlined in each school's student handbook.
 - All adult staff must wear face coverings at all times in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the [Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Universal Face Covering Order](#).
 - Student face coverings should meet the [CDC cloth face covering guidelines](#):
 - The mouth and nose are fully covered
 - The face covering fits snugly against the sides of the face so there are no gaps
 - The student should not have any difficulty breathing while wearing the face covering
 - The face covering can be tied or otherwise secured to prevent slipping.
 - Per the [CDC Guidance](#) students and staff should **NOT** use face coverings with an exhalation valve.
 - SLSD Music students should use bell covers on all instruments, when feasible, both indoors and outdoors, while following the guidance in the [National Federation of State High School Associations: Unprecedented International Coalition led by Performing Arts](#)
- The SLSD will ensure appropriate cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces and equipment in a manner that follows health and safety recommendations.
 - Music rehearsal sessions and extracurricular activities that are held indoors require adequate ventilation, air conditioning may be required. Communicating with the SLSD Support Services Department to ensure ventilation is operational while practices and extracurricular activities are scheduled.
 - Ensure all high touch, high traffic areas are included in the cleaning and disinfecting schedule.

- Ensure that disinfectants are provided appropriate dwell time to allow effect after implementation and allow sufficient time between each music session.
- All SLSD Music Education Programs should follow updated equipment cleaning and sanitizing procedures outlined in the [COVID-19 Instrument Cleaning Guidelines](#) set by the National Association for Music Education.
- Instruments should not be shared.
 - Any shared music equipment or additional equipment will be sanitized between sessions and also at the end of the day.
 - If equipment cannot be sanitized between uses alternatives will be considered.
- Determine appropriate bathroom facilities for music programs and extracurricular activities to use during scheduled practices or meetings to avoid the need to clean multiple areas.
- SLSD music students must keep their instruments appropriately spaced during any point in time that they are not using them directly. SLSD music students may not share instruments/ or supplies.
- The SLSD music programs and extracurricular activities may not serve any food during practices, events, or meetings.
- All paperwork related to the SLSD music groups and extracurricular activities should be done electronically, when feasible.
- [COVID-19 Information for Travelers](#)
 - Should SLSD students travel to designated areas by the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#), or local health departments, you will be mandated to self-quarantine for 14 days per the guidelines in order to monitor your health and symptoms prior to your return to athletics.
 - All students and staff **MUST** complete the self-quarantine timeframe and be symptom free in order to return to music or extracurricular activity commitments.
- Vulnerable students and staff may be at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions. Those at greater risk for developing severe COVID-19 disease or complications should undergo an informed decision-making process; they should consult their health care provider to independently assess the levels of risk of participation who may be at a higher risk for severe illness as a result of individual participation in the music program or extracurricular activities.
- The SLSD music programs should consider delaying uniform sizing and distribution as long as possible while maintaining social distancing guidelines. They choose to complete all music related activities in a “relaxed” uniform for the 2020-2021 school year.
- All SLSD students and staff **MUST** bring their own water or drinks to all activities (practice, competitions, or extracurricular events); Students and staff are **NOT** permitted to share water or drinks for the duration of the pandemic.

- Performance Considerations:
 - At the current time the Southern Lehigh School District is awaiting additional guidance on large events on school campuses, both indoors and outdoors. Current language states that gatherings are not allowed and a limit of 250 participants that includes ALL students (band, student-athletes, cheerleaders) as well as coaches, staff members, and game personnel. There is language within the PDE/PIAA guidelines regarding social distancing at these events. When additional guidance becomes available, the District will update information under the Performance Considerations Category
- All SLSD students and staff should be prepared for the possibility of either temporary or prolonged facilities closures in the event of recurrent outbreaks and the related implications of those closures. Additional information about school closure recommendations can be found using the [Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19](#) resource.

Health Screening Procedure

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 - Anyone who is sick shall stay home with no repercussions.
 - All SLSD students or staff members **MUST** cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing if they are not wearing a mask.
 - Additional health and safety guidelines are outlined within this plan if students or staff begin to demonstrate symptoms of COVID-19.
- Educate all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians) on how to screen for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at home before sending children to school and/or reporting to work.
- Per the [Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Universal Face Covering Order](#) (July 1, 2020), all Southern Lehigh School District students are required to wear a face covering at **ALL** times while at school, even when six feet of social distance can be achieved unless a student with disabilities whose IEP or 504 teams have granted an exception. Face coverings should be either a solid color or patterned and all symbols or words appearing on the face covering must comply with school appropriate dress guidelines outlined in each school's student handbook.

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- The Symptoms of COVID-19 may include (but are not limited to):
 - Fever or chills (100.0 or higher)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Muscle aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Diarrhea
- If a student/staff is sick or thinks that he/she is sick with the COVID-19 virus, the student/staff **MUST** stay home and contact their physician or an appropriate healthcare professional for further directions.
- All SLSD students and staff must perform a [Daily Symptom Screener](#) on himself or herself prior to leaving for work, school, or practice and will stay home if ill.
- Signage will be posted throughout the school district to ensure that students and staff are consistently made aware of the signs and symptoms of Covid-19.
- PA DOH will notify the school entity immediately upon learning that a person with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 was present at the school or a school event while infectious.
- PA DOH staff will assist the school with risk assessment, isolation, and quarantine recommendations, and other infection control recommendations.

Isolating or Quarantining a Student-Athlete or Staff if They Become Sick or Demonstrate a History of Exposure

- Illness during a SLSD Music event or practice and or an extracurricular activity
 - A predetermined Southern Lehigh School District staff member shall escort the individual to a designated isolation location or area away from others.

- When school is in session, students will be brought to the nursing suites following the guidelines in the SLSD Health and Safety Plan.
 - After school hours, students will be moved to an area away from the congregate group to complete communications to a parent for pick up. (outside or SLHS locker room)
- Require an individual who becomes sick in school or demonstrates a history of exposure (defined as close contact to a confirmed case of COVID) to wear a face covering.
- Parents/guardians should have a plan in place for picking up a student participating in an District extracurricular when directed by SLSD staff.
- If a parent or caregiver is not present, a predetermined staff member should escort them to a designated isolation room or area away from others and have them wear a mask or face covering.
- The family should then be directed to contact their health care provider for evaluation and potential COVID-19 testing. Those without a health care provider can be directed to a local COVID hotline such as St. Luke's University Health Network 1-866-785-8537 Option 7 or Lehigh Valley Health Network 1-888-402-5846. Positively screened individuals should not return until they have documentation demonstrating the SARS-CoV-2 test was negative or a note from their healthcare provider indicating they do not need to be tested and their symptoms are not due to COVID-19.
- Positively screened students or staff should seek medical attention for further evaluation by a primary care professional while following the guidelines outlined in the [Exclusion From and Returning to School](#).
- When feasible, close off the area used by a person testing positive for COVID-19 for at least 24 hours and do not use it before cleaning and disinfecting.
- SLSD Staff must notify the Pandemic Coordinator and Building Administration.
- SLSD Administration will notify staff and families of confirmed cases while maintaining confidentiality.

Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students, or school visitors to school

- A student or staff member who was diagnosed with COVID-19 may return when **ALL FOUR** of the following criteria are met:
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
 - At least 48 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever reducing medications.
 - Symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath ...) have significantly improved.
 - Written documentation of clearance from a health care provider (MD, DO, NP, PA) provided to an SLSD school nurse.

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- Further information about the conditions outlined in the [Southern Lehigh School District Exclusion From and Return to School Requirements](#) can be found using that link.
- A student or staff member who is quarantined following close contact with a case may not return to school until cleared to do so by the PA DOH or the appropriate County or Municipal Health Department. A negative test obtained prior to the end of quarantine does **not** clear an individual for return. The entire quarantine period must be completed.

Notifying staff, families, and the public of school closures and within-school-year changes in safety protocols

- Post the approved Southern Lehigh School District Health and Safety Plan, the Southern Lehigh School District Return to Competition Athletics Health and Safety Plan, and Southern Lehigh Music and Extracurricular Activities Health and Safety Plan on the SLSD website.
- Provide regular multi-modal updates on the SLSD website, social media accounts, and through the Blackboard Connect System.
- The District will be prepared to refer symptomatic individuals or those who have a known exposure to a confirmed case to an appropriate health care provider or testing site. Those without a health care provider can be directed to a local COVID hotline such as St. Luke's University Health Network 1-866-785-8537 Option 7 or Lehigh Valley Health Network 1-888-402-5846. Positively screened individuals should not return until they have documentation demonstrating the SARS-CoV-2 test was negative or a note from their healthcare provider indicating they do not need to be tested and their symptoms are not due to COVID-19.
- The District will coordinate with local health officials on the strategies for COVID-19 cases as the district would do with similar conditions, such as measles, pertussis, and other infectious diseases.
- Local PA DOH staff will notify the school district and PDE immediately upon learning of a positive case of COVID who was present at the school or school event while infectious. Public health staff will assist the school with risk assessment, isolation and quarantine recommendations, and other infection control recommendations.

Other monitoring and screening practices

- A "close contact" is defined as either being within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for 15 or more minutes (close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or share a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case), or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (i.e. being coughed on).
- The individual who tested positive will not be identified in communications from the PA DOH or CMHD to the school community at large but may need to be selectively identified for contact tracing by the PA DOH and CMHD staff.

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- The District will contact local PA DOH staff before acting in response to a known or suspected communicable disease. A representative is on-call 24 hours a day.
- The local PA DOH staff will provide guidance to schools regarding disease information, appropriate letters and communications, identification of high risk individuals, appropriate action and treatment, and ongoing support and assistance.
- If the person is present on school property when PA DOH staff notify the school of the positive case information, the person should immediately, but discreetly, be taken to the COVID-19 related isolation space for pick up (if a student) or asked to return home (if staff).
- SLSD will contact the PA DOH for further guidance if a parent/guardian notifies the school of potential exposure by a student, staff member, or essential visitor.
- As per the PA DOH, the entire school building does not have to be evacuated. Additional information about school closure recommendations can be found using the [Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19](#) resource.
- The PA DOH staff will assist the K-12 school entity with contact tracing and may request information regarding potential close contacts from school district staff.
- Decisions to track additional health information will be made at the local school district level.
- All SLSD students and staff **MUST** bring their own water or drinks to all activities (practice, competitions, or extracurricular events); Students and staff are **NOT** permitted to share water or drinks for the duration of the pandemic.

Travel Considerations

- The SLSD Athletic Department will communicate with the host school prior to any competitions in an effort to discuss health and safety plans, local practices, and to ensure compliance. This information will be shared with the SLSD music department to communicate if the Marching Band will be able to attend any away athletic contents or events.
- For extracurricular activities, the SLSD staff will communicate with the host school prior to any competitions in an effort to discuss health and safety plans, local practices, and to ensure compliance.
- The SLSD Athletic Department will ensure that all teams and the SLSD Marching Band follow all health and safety policies and guidelines that a host school has communicated and set in place for their facilities.
- Modifications for transportation related to athletic or extracurricular events may be necessary and may include:
 - Reducing the number of students/staff on a bus/van to a maximum of two individuals per seat while leaving the front two rows empty per PA DOH Public Safety Guidelines.
 - Use of hand sanitizer upon boarding a bus/van.
 - Social distancing on a bus to the greatest extent feasible.

- Additional potential transportation modifications will be determined by the Southern Lehigh School District, the transportation company, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and state and local governments once transportation for events is permitted.
- The SLSD Music and Extracurricular Activities will follow the guidelines outlined in the Southern Lehigh School District Health and Safety Plan if a student or staff member shows symptoms of COVID-19 while traveling.

Sanitizing Facilities

- The Southern Lehigh School District will complete cleaning, disinfecting, and ventilation practices outlined in the [Southern Lehigh School District Health and Safety Plan](#).
- SLSD Support Services will implement adequate cleaning and disinfecting schedules for all athletic facilities. Cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting will be performed in accordance with current CDC and PA DOH guidelines to mitigate the spread of communicable diseases.
- Use EPA approved (List N) products for use against SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with labeling requirements, be for commercial use in schools without harmful components of fragrances, and applicable staff will be trained on how to appropriately use these products.
- Ensure that all hard surfaces, high-touch, and high traffic areas are included in frequent cleaning and disinfecting schedules.
- Any visibly dirty surfaces will be washed with soap/water or an approved cleaner before disinfecting.
- Disinfecting fogger or misting spray applicator will be used in all areas at least once a week.
- All SLSD Music Education Programs should follow updated equipment cleaning and sanitizing procedures outlined in the [COVID-19 Instrument Cleaning Guidelines](#) set by the National Association for Music Education.

Stakeholder Education

- The Southern Lehigh School District will provide education through posters, flyers, meetings, emails, and phone calls specific to COVID-19 to Staff, Parents and Students.
 - COVID-19 signs and symptoms
 - Proper ways to limit exposure to COVID-19 (hand washing, cough in your elbow, disinfecting touched surfaces, social distancing, avoid touching eyes, nose, face and mouth, no spitting, gum chewing, etc.)
 - Avoid any unnecessary physical contact, such as high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, or hugs.
 - Any pertinent COVID-19 information released by state/local governments, NFHS, and the [National Association for Music Education](#).

Additional Considerations for SLSD Music Education Programs

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Level of Community Spread (As Determined by state and local health officials)	Phase 3 Mitigation: (High Risk: Substantial Spread) <i>(Meets Standards of PA Red Phase)</i>	Phase 2 Mitigation: (Elevated Risk: Minimal/Moderate Spread) <i>(Meets Standards of PA Yellow Phase)</i>	Phase 1 Mitigation: (Guarded Risk: Low/No Spread) <i>(Meets Standards of PA Green Phase)</i>
Guidance	<p>All Southern Lehigh School District facilities are closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only staff deemed essential to the operation of distance learning, facilities, and the feeding programs should report in-person to carry out functions that are deemed absolutely necessary. - All in-person music activities (practices & rehearsals) are canceled. - Music activities (practices & rehearsals) can continue virtually. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In this phase, practices and rehearsals may resume however there shall be a maximum of 25 students and staff present at any given time. - Rehearsals will be staggered throughout the day so that members get time to practice without exceeding the 25 individuals present. Start and end times will also be staggered to avoid overlap between groups as students arrive and depart. - If practice or rehearsal must be moved indoors, large group areas approved by the administration will be utilized to maintain a 6 foot interval in-between students and staff. Masks will be worn if social distancing can not be maintained and when moving in groups. - Parents may not be present unless deemed essential by the director. Volunteers must comply with all public health guidelines and their presence will be added to the 25 person limit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In this phase, practices and rehearsals may resume however there may only be a maximum of 250 students and staff present at any given time. This means that the entire band and staff may be able to practice together at the same time. - Practices and rehearsals will continue to be held outdoors when possible and feasible. Large group areas approved by the administration will be utilized to maintain a 6 foot interval in-between students and staff. Masks will be worn if social distancing can not be maintained and when moving in groups. - Parents may not be present unless deemed essential by the director. Volunteers must comply with all public health guidelines and their presence will be added to the 250 person limit.

K-6 General Music

- These courses will be treated like any other course taught at Southern Lehigh and will follow all of its associated guidelines.

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Grades 3 and 4 Beginning/First Year Lessons

- Students will go straight to their assigned chairs and exercise social distancing. Rehearsals/Lessons will take place both outdoors and indoors as weather permits and as feasible. Regardless, all instruction will have a seating chart that enforces social distancing.
- Students are to wear facial coverings throughout the class.
- Students need to bring their own water bottles to rehearsals.
- Students must bring their assigned music, instrument, and books to every class. There will not be additional copies and folders of music or school-owned instruments to borrow at this time due to possible contamination.
- The goal in the hybrid model will be for students who are in the building to work with the instructor directly and then to have a combination of remedial work, curriculum extensions, and review opportunities when at home. There will be assignments that must be completed by the end of the school on Friday to close out the week, or by the next instrumental lesson. This is no different than if we were in the building, full-time.
- Woodwind and brass players are strongly encouraged to keep a mask with a slit to keep in their instrument cases to use while playing at school. This slitted facial mask should be washed and replaced in the instrument case to be used for next school lesson/rehearsal.
- Woodwind and brass players are required to use instrument bell covers or instrument 'masks' every time they use their instruments at school.
- Trombone players will require 9 foot physical distancing between themselves and other players.
- Brass players will be required to empty their water keys on a puppy pad or surgical pad which will be discarded after single use.
- Woodwind and brass players will be seated in a straight line all facing the same direction.

Grades 5-6 Instrumental Lessons/Ensemble Rehearsals

- Students will go straight to their assigned chairs and exercise social distancing. Rehearsals/Lessons will take place both outdoors and indoors as weather permits and as feasible. Regardless, all instruction will have a seating chart that enforces social distancing.
- Students are to wear facial coverings throughout the class.
- Students need to bring their own water bottles to rehearsals.

- Students must bring their assigned music, instrument, and books to every class. There will not be additional copies and folders of music or school-owned instruments to borrow at this time due to possible contamination.
- The goal in the hybrid model will be for students who are in the building to work with the instructor directly and then to have a combination of remedial work, curriculum extensions, and review opportunities when at home. There will be assignments that must be completed by the end of the school on Friday to close out the week, or by the next instrumental lesson. This is no different than if we were in the building, full-time.
- Woodwind and brass players are strongly encouraged to keep a mask with a slit to keep in their instrument cases to use while playing at school. This slitted facial mask should be washed and replaced in the instrument case to be used for next school lesson/rehearsal.
- Woodwind and brass players are required to use instrument bell covers or instrument 'masks' every time they use their instruments at school.
- Trombone players will require an additional 3 feet of physical distancing in front of themselves and other players. This is in addition to the 6 foot rule.
- Brass players will be required to empty their water keys on a puppy pad or surgical pad which will be discarded after single use.
- Woodwind and brass players will be seated in a straight line all facing the same direction.

Grades 7-12 Band/Orchestra

- Student storage of instruments will depend on the building needs at SLMS and SLHS. The instrumental music teachers will provide instructions to the students specific to the procedure that they will follow for the storage of instruments in between use.
- Students will go straight to their assigned chairs and exercise social distancing. Rehearsals will take place both outdoors and indoors as weather permits and as feasible. Regardless, all instruction will have a seating chart that enforces social distancing.
- Students are to wear facial coverings throughout the class.
- Students need to bring their own water bottles to rehearsals.
- Students must bring their assigned music to every class. There will not be additional copies and folders of music at this time due to possible contamination.
- The goal in the hybrid model will be for students who are in the building to work with the instructor directly and then to have a combination of remedial work, curriculum extensions, and review opportunities when at home. There will be assignments that must be completed by the

end of the school on Friday to close out the week. This is no different than if we were in the building, full-time.

Grades 4-12 Chorus

- Students will go straight to their assigned chairs and exercise social distancing. Rehearsals might take place both outdoors and indoors as feasible and weather permits. Regardless, all instruction will follow a seating chart that enforces social distancing.
- Students are to wear facial coverings throughout the class.
- Students are permitted to bring their own water bottles to rehearsals.
- Students must bring their assigned music, folder, charged computer, pencils, and any additionally assigned materials to **every** class. There will not be additional copies/folders of music or other supplies available to share at this time due to possible contamination.
- At the conclusion of a vocal practice or performance, students will remain in place for a period of 5 minutes prior to moving on to the next component of instruction.
- The goal in the hybrid model will be for students who are in the building to work with the instructor directly and then to have a combination of remedial work, curriculum extensions, and review opportunities when at home. There will be assignments that must be completed each week. This is no different than if we were in the building, full-time.

Grades 7-8 General Music and Grades 9-12 Music Elective Courses

- Students will go straight to their assigned chairs and exercise social distancing. All instruction will follow a seating chart that enforces social distancing.
- Students are to wear facial coverings throughout the class.
- Students are permitted to bring their own water bottles to class.
- Students must bring their assigned music, notebook, textbooks, charged computer, pencils, and any additionally assigned materials/equipment to **every** class. There will not be additional copies of music or other supplies available to share at this time due to possible contamination.
- Equipment (such as pianos at SLHS) is sanitized according to District guidelines between each class session. Students are not to touch equipment until an instructor indicates to do so.
- The goal in the hybrid model will be for students who are in the building to work with the instructor directly and then to have a combination of remedial work, curriculum extensions, and review opportunities when at home. There will be assignments that must be completed each week. This is no different than if we were in the building, full-time.

Important Reads and Source Documents:

- [Pennsylvania Department of Education: Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Pre-K to 12 Schools](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Education: Health and Safety Plan Considerations](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Education & Pennsylvania Department of Health: Public Health Guidance for Schools and Communities](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Education & Regional Educational Laboratory \(REL\) Mid-Atlantic at Mathematica Research Report: Considerations for Reopening Pennsylvania Schools](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Education: Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19](#)
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