

COVID 19 Considerations for Pep Band Performances at Basketball Games

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With support of the KSHSAA Executive Board, the KSHSAA Sports Medicine Committee, and the results from the NFHS Aerosol Disbursement Study, we offer this document as guidance to the member schools of the KSHSAA to consider for pep band performances in 2020-21. These considerations are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging physical distancing, limiting participation and allowing for appropriate and reasonable protective equipment. With these considerations the KSHSAA believes these reasonable accommodations will help with risk mitigation for pep band performances the upcoming school year.

KSHSAA understands and appreciates the influence that a pep band can provide to teams and school spirit and we support their continued inclusion in home basketball events as deemed appropriate.

Each school district should discuss the following *considerations* for Pep Band performances and make determinations on what is the safest approach for students, directors, and spectators in 2020-21.

Face Coverings at Winter Athletic Events for Spirit (Cheer and Dance) and Pep Band Participants

KSHSAA Board of Directors Approved the following on November 19, 2020:

All participants (including but not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, support staff and all others attending/participating in school activities) shall wear a face covering in the manner it is intended to be worn (for purpose of COVID-19 risk mitigation) while at the event venue and for duration of the event.

Interpretation for Spirit (Cheer and Dance) and Pep Bands:

All Spirit (Cheer and Dance) and Pep Bands participants and their coaches and directors shall wear a face covering in the manner it is intended to be worn (for purpose of COVID-19 risk mitigation) while at the event venue and for duration of the event. The only exceptions include the following:

- When Spirit (Cheer and Dance) participants are on the playing surface during full time outs, quarters, and halftime. NO stunting with masks per NFHS Rule.
- Pep band participants who play wind instruments while performing.
 - Bell covers for all wind instruments are recommended.
 - Masks with slits are recommended for wind instrument players.
- Schools should consider a smaller number of pep band members performing at one time
- 6 feet distancing between band members and 9 feet for trombones
- Shared equipment, such as drum kits should be sanitized between players
- Mallets, sticks, etc. should not be shared
- The NFHS aerosol study recommends, after 30 minutes of performing/playing instruments the area should be vacated by the pep band members for at least 15 minutes while there is a clean air exchange
- Spectators should be seated at least 10 feet away from the pep band members

Please refer to our **2020-21 KSHSAA MUSIC CONSIDERATIONS** for more specific COVID and Aerosol Disbursement Study information for music education.

<http://www.kshsaa.org/Public/COVID/PDF/Music-Considerations.pdf>