



## **2021 NSAA District Music Contests Guidelines**

Circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic are constantly changing and the circumstances vary from community to community. Difficult decisions will have to be made from week to week or even day to day. The safety and well-being of the participants and spectators is and always will be the primary consideration as we provide opportunities to participate in District Music Contests.

Each school has the authority to determine if it will participate in District Music Contests. During the contests it will be the responsibility of the host school to provide administrative oversight in compliance with established COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with their local health departments and facilities. **Prior to contest, the host school administration will be required to notify the visiting school administration of their established protocols.** The visiting schools and spectators will be expected to adhere to all protocols established by the host school.

The NSAA is implementing the following recommendations and requirements during District Music Contests:

- Active participants are permitted, but not required, to wear face coverings during performance.
- Directors and non-active participants (those currently not performing) are required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Spectators are required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth.
- Attendance is restricted to 75% of occupancy.
- The host school may establish additional and/or more restrictive requirements. Any additional requirements implemented by the host school must be the same for all schools, participants, adjudicators, and spectators.

The host school should make every effort to mitigate risk and provide adequate opportunities for physical distancing procedures for the participants, directors, adjudicators and spectators.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Physically distancing performers
- Considerations surrounding the use of bell covers
- Restrict attendance/seating areas
- Modify schedules to consider COVID-19 in logistics, rotations, ventilation and time sensitivity
- Considerations surrounding concessions stands
- Adequate space for non-active participants (homeroom areas, utilize the outdoors)
- Adequate space for adjudicators
- Implementing diligent and effective cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched objects and surfaces.