

MACB's COVID-19 safety protocols are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta Public Schools, and venues where MACB performs. This guidance has changed over the course of the pandemic. Therefore, all MACB band members were invited to meet and discuss revising the band's COVID-19 protocols on October 23, 2022. The members who attended agreed to change the band's COVID-19 policy to the following.

MACB **strongly encourages** band members to:

- [Be fully vaccinated for COVID-19](#)
- [Wear a facial covering](#) at rehearsal when not playing
- Bring a personal stand, or sanitize (wipes are provided by MACB) school-provided music stands before and after rehearsal; if sanitizing, arrive early enough to do so before rehearsal begins
- Use one music stand per musician (all musicians should have their own music)
- [Follow common-sense health guidelines](#), which can reduce the risk of catching COVID, flu, and other viruses, including:
  - Avoid touching the face
  - Use hand sanitizer (provided) or wash hands before and after rehearsal

MACB **requires** members to:

- Have temperature checked when entering the rehearsal building
- Use floor pads for brass instruments' spit valves
- STAY AWAY FROM REHEARSAL WHEN FEELING ILL, even if a COVID-19 test reads negative, to avoid spreading flu, colds, and other viruses