

Montezuma-Cortez Middle School Band COVID Adaptations

- Band is important for the social-emotional well-being of our students so the directors are grateful that we are being allowed to play music this fall.
- We will rehearse outside as much as possible this fall.
- We will not perform at all this year (other than maybe virtually).
- We will space out our chairs and stands both outside and inside the building (6 to 8 feet if possible).
- When in the band room, we will have assigned lockers (no sharing) and locker distribution will be spaced out in each class period.
- When outside, we can store our instruments in the wrestling practice room.
- There will be no sharing of wind instruments.
- Each student will have their own music or beginning band book.
- We will use clear plastic sheet protectors in a 3-ring binder for easier use outside (for 7th and 8th graders).
- Hands will be sanitized before and after each rehearsal.
- Shared percussion instruments or mallets must be wiped down before and after use.
- Music stands and chairs will be wiped down at the conclusion of each day.
- When outside masks will not be worn.
- When inside, musicians will use masks when not playing and masks around the neck when playing.
- When inside, brass players will use bell covers to stop particles. These covers will be washable and reusable. Nylons would be the least expensive option.
- When inside, woodwind players may need to use small cloth bags to cover their instruments (more information and ideas on this will be forthcoming).
- When inside, brass players will empty their water keys in the large trash can.
- Any instrument that is returned and was used over the summer will be set aside and not distributed until it can be cleaned properly.
- Returning students will continue to use their previously assigned instrument.
- Instrument selection for 6th grade will be accelerated so students are prepared ASAP in case of a possible switch to temporary distance learning.
- These adaptations were developed with the help of the state and district. They will remain in effect until we receive further guidance from them. These guidelines are subject to change.