

Music Practices within K-12 Schools in LRSD

The government of Manitoba has provided [updated guidelines](#) regarding music practices within K-12 schools. To ensure the safety of our students we need to confirm the following conditions are in place before we begin to sing and/or play wind instruments.

School principals, along with music specialists will review and check the following conditions are met prior to engaging students in singing or the playing of wind instruments.

- The spaces identified for music instruction, in the Forms survey, have been approved by the Facilities department prior to instruction taking place.
- The total number of participants may not exceed 25 people, including teachers/staff.
- A minimum of 2 metres of physical distance must be maintained between participants.
- All participants and people present in the space, must wear masks at all times. Musicians will wear slitted masks while playing and regular masks when they are not playing (flutes can wear regular masks).
- There will be no sharing of wind instruments.
- Equipment such as music and stands should not be shared between students.
- Any shared materials must be sanitized between use.
- Students should be arranged facing forward in straight lines in band and choir and should be facing slightly away from each other when singing or playing.
- Spit valves should be emptied away from others onto paper towel or a puppy waste pad instead of the floor so that contents can be contained.
- Rehearsals/classes must not exceed 30 minutes in length with enough time between groups for at least one air exchange.
- Bell covers should be used with all brass and woodwind instruments (except flutes).
- Singers in grades K-12 must be masked (indoors and out).
- Students may play recorders indoors (while masked).
- When weather permits, teachers are encouraged to hold rehearsals/classes outdoors.
- All other LRSD safety protocols must remain in place (hand washing, cleaning of supplies, physical distancing while moving between spaces, etc.).

Protocols for cleaning instruments: <https://www.nfhs.org/articles/covid-19-instrument-cleaning-guidelines>