Rehearsal Protocols
June 7, 2020

After consultations with the Board, many band members and the State of Vermont, a proposal to offer limited band rehearsals was approved. Here are the new protocols that must be followed; many of them will be familiar.

1. The rehearsal is limited to 25 people who will RSVP that they are coming. No “walk-ons” will be permitted. If you want to attend e-mail manager@stjohnsburyband.org and put YES in the subject of your e-mail.

2. Stay home if you are not feeling well or are symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell). Wash your hands with soap before coming to rehearsal, wear a mask in the parking lot and inside the rehearsal space when not playing an instrument and remember to do social distancing.

3. Band members will bring their own music stand.

4. No more than two people per vehicle.

5. A Safety Officer will be appointed and will be responsible for screening individual band members before they are allowed to enter the building by asking them if they feel sick or have traveled recently. Those who do not pass the screening are to be turned away.

6. Protective masks are to be worn. The rear entrance the band uses will have a sign that no one is to enter if they have signs of a respiratory illness. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance and inside the rehearsal space.

7. A log of attendees will be maintained.

8. Use of the elevator will be limited to two people at a time to maintain social distancing.

9. The rehearsal space (aka Band Room) seating will be organized in such a way as to maintain ample social distancing of at least 6’ but I believe our set up will allow for more than that.

10. The band will use our own steel chairs (not the Courthouse chairs) which will be returned to the band storage closet at the close of the rehearsal and secured.

11. If your instrument has a spit valve bring a towel to place on the floor. At the conclusion of the rehearsal band members will clean the area around them, the Conductor or the Safety Officer will sanitize the conductor’s stand, the Safety Officer will supervise the cleaning of contact surfaces in the bathroom if it was used, wipe down handles and other touched surfaces.

12. The Safety Officer will remind band members to wear masks when leaving the rehearsal space, in the elevator and parking lot and to maintain social distancing when departing and do a final inspection.

Remember to e-mail the Band manager (manager@stjohnsburyband.org) that you want to come with YES in the subject line. Please only RSVP via e-mail so I can keep track.

If there is a lack of participants we will postpone. For more info call or e-mail me.