

University of South Alabama
Jaguar Marching Band
2020 Health and Citizenship Pledge

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented music programs across the world with a myriad of challenges concerning this highly contagious illness. COVID-19 has been proven to not be an illness of just the young or old, and it can be spread by asymptomatic carriers to others who may be far more vulnerable.

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the University of South Alabama will take precautions and comply with guidelines from federal, state, and local governments, the CDC, USA Health, the CBDNA, and the NCAA to reduce the risks to students, directors, and their families. As knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing, the Jaguar Marching Band reserves the right to adjust and implement precautionary methods as necessary to decrease the risk of exposure for our staff, students, and spectators. Some precautionary methods in the Jaguar Marching Band Covid-19 Reopening Plan include, but are not limited to:

1. Health screenings prior to any practice, event, or band meeting, with participation in the activities being limited and/or prohibited where an individual displays symptoms of COVID-19 or exceeds established preventative guidelines (e.g., a temperature exceeding recommended guidelines).
2. Require social distancing and promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, using hand sanitizer, etc.
3. Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation in all facilities.
4. Educate band members, directors, and staff on health and safety protocols.
5. Band members and directors will be provided their own water bottle for hydration.
6. A gaiter style face mask and an ear loop face mask will be given to each band member and director for use at all times during Jaguar Marching Band rehearsals and performances unless instructed otherwise.

I voluntarily pledge to participate with the Jaguar Marching Band in the course of rehearsals and performing and to follow all of the above guidelines and any others required or recommended for my participation. During the course of the school year, I understand that if I do not feel it is safe or appropriate to be present at in-person rehearsals or performances, I must inform the directors in advance of my absence. I also understand that I will be allowed to return to marching band activities without repercussions when I feel it is appropriate to do so, and I am prepared to do alternative assignments as designed by the directors as a substitute for in-person rehearsals. I also understand that participation at band camp is voluntary. I understand that students who either have pre-existing medical conditions that place the student at higher risk of infection or severity of symptoms or do not want to risk contracting COVID-19 should refrain from participating with the Jaguar Marching Band at this time.

By signing this form, I voluntarily agree to the above pledge. I recognize that participating in music programs, events, and activities may include a possible exposure to a communicable disease, including, but not limited to influenza, and COVID-19. I am also aware of the risks associated with COVID-19 and that certain vulnerable individuals may have greater health risks associated with exposure to COVID-19, including individuals with serious underlying health conditions such as, but not limited to: high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, asthma, obesity, and those whose immune systems that are compromised by chemotherapy for cancer, and other conditions requiring such therapy. While particular recommendations and personal discipline may reduce the risks associated with participating in band during the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk of serious illness, medical complications, and possible death does exist. I understand that these risks exist, and knowing of those risks, I have made the choice to participate with the Jaguar Marching Band.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____