



## 2021 COVID SHOW POLICIES

The ongoing Covid and Delta Variance issues and concerns call for Cavalcade of Bands to establish policies and guidelines for our administrative and judging staff, at every show. While this document will change as state guidelines change, this starting point is needed to establish protocols, communication and consistent information.

### Masks

**While not mandatory**, unless a show host requires them, **we strongly encourage all personnel, especially press box judges, to wear a mask while attending a show.** If there are issues with providing clear commentary into your digital device, we suggest removing your mask while providing commentary, and then wearing them all other times. If judges are on top of the press box, there would not be a need to wear a mask while judging, unless you want to.

### Hospitality Rooms

Host hospitality rooms are never a requirement, but have become a staple for all shows. **However, for this year we have strongly suggested and encouraged all hosts to not provide hospitality rooms this fall, out of caution to all visitors.** While some schools will be able to have this, (possibly outside with open air tents) and others will not, our belief is they are not needed for the 2021 season and we encourage all Cavalcade of Bands staff to not use them. Instead, we ask for everyone to bring your own drinks and snacks with you to use instead.

### Judges Room

Judges have usually gathered before, and after the show, in a room or space usually near the hospitality room. For the 2021 season, **we do not want judges entering the school**, but would still need a space close to the stadium for judges to gather. Unless specified by the Chief Judge, we want everyone to gather in the press box for the judge's room. If there is a better location once the Chief Judge arrives on site, they will let you know about this change.

### Press Box

Too many times the press box gathers more people than it should. We no longer need student runners, due to our digital technology, so no students should be in the press box at any time. There should also not be any food or drinks provided in the press box for judges, as they have been instructed to provide their own items. **For 2021 we require only the following people be allowed in the press box: 5 -7**

**judges, 1 announcer (unless they can be on the track which would be preferred) and 1 videographer outside the press box.** We ask for only one (1) show announcer who will read all bands introductions, as to not spread germs on the microphone. This will also reduce the number of people in the press box.

## **Critique**

Location – **Since we do not want judges in the school**, another suitable place for the after-show critique will be needed. As long as the weather cooperates, **we would like this meeting to be held outside either in the end zone on the field, under an outside awning or some other appropriate outside location, close to the stadium.** As weather becomes colder, or for inclement weather, we will work with hosts on a suitable location.

Staff / Judge Ratio – **No matter where critique is held, everyone must wear a mask the entire time. No one should shake hands. Everyone must keep a 6-foot distance.** With our normal critique judges table and rotations still in place, only two (2) staff members may come to critique to speak with judges. Anything other than this would be inappropriately lopsided from a health standard. If bands want to switch staff for specific judges this is fine, but still only two (2) staff members at any given time.

## **Vaccination**

Cavalcade of Bands strongly encourages all staff and judges be vaccinated. We also encourage the same for all school personnel who interact with Cavalcade of Bands staff and judges. While we will not require proof of a vaccination, if show hosts require this, we will ask staff and judges for this documentation and provide this detail. We would also expect the same detail from all school staff.

## **Exposure**

If anyone (director, staff, band member, judges, volunteers, etc.) tests positive before or especially after a show, Cavalcade of Bands Executive Director (Paul Smith [psmithcavalcade@gmail.com](mailto:psmithcavalcade@gmail.com) / 610-909-3106) must be notified immediately. He will then notify all impacted bands, judges and administrative staff. Communication with the host school director and Cavalcade of Bands Executive Director would continue until all situations are resolved.

Bands, Director, Staff, Parents – We would expect all involved schools would follow their individual protocols, and make any determinations needed based on the most current information. Cavalcade of Bands will also notify the general public via our website and social media outlets if appropriate.

Cavalcade of Bands Judges and Staff – All Cavalcade of Bands judges and staff would be notified immediately of the situation. Depending on the severity of the situation and relationship from the judge to the individual, they would be encouraged to take a Covid test reporting results to the Executive Director. **If any judge/staff would test positive, we would need them to quarantine until proper documentation can be provided.**

## **Show Cancellations Due to Covid**

If a host show is forced to cancel their show, due to an outbreak, or if a band can't attend a show due to the same, they need to contact our Marching Band Administrator, Ken Brown

([klbrown625@comcast.net](mailto:klbrown625@comcast.net)) immediately. We will then adjust and help all schools impacted as we similarly do for any Indoor Music Evaluations. This would include helping bands move to another show on the same day, reschedule impacted judges and helping the host by not paying show and performance fees. If a school should not be able to move to another show, this will not impact their participation in championships and will count as a regular season show.

At this time, we do not believe schools will be allowed to move indoors for any weather-related performance, and do not believe they would be able to reschedule for a weekday the following week. However, for any situation like this we will work with the school to the best of our ability, and communicate new directions as needed.

### **Communication Paths**

Due to confidentiality issues with situations like this, we will carefully move on announcing and informing those involved as best we can. We all need to be careful, patient and flexible with any information sharing related to Covid and other points in this document. When communication can occur, it will come from either the Executive Director or the Marching Band Administrator with the following path flow:

1. Band Director Email via Competition Suite
2. Cavalcade of Bands Administration and Judges via email or phone call
3. Cavalcade of Bands Website (if appropriate and necessary)
4. Cavalcade of Bands Facebook Page (if appropriate and necessary)

We thank everyone in advance for being patient, flexible and supportive of these policies for the 2021 marching band season. As we have learned over the past two years, anything can change, and can change quickly. With this, we will make anything related to this situation our first priority until all processes have been completed.