

Los Alamitos Unified School District Instrumental Music Consent

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Why Hold Parent Presentation?

PURPOSE:

- (1) Educate families on District's plan for the playing of wind instruments
- (2) Review the Parent Consent Form
- (3) Answer Questions

GOAL

(6-12) Instrumental music classes begin playing all instruments with parent consent during the school day and/or afterschool.



Where can I find the information from tonight?

www.losal.org



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Instrumental Music Guidelines

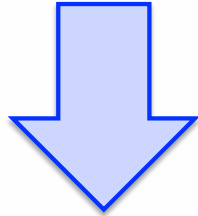
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC GUIDELINES & PARENTAL
CONSENT FORM

UNIVERSITY STUDY
Of Wind Instrument Aerosol Generation



Background

Since schools have been opened there has not been guidance for the playing of wind instruments on school campuses. California Department of Public Health (CDPH) initially did not allow wind instruments to be played and now they strongly discourage playing wind instruments.



Major Research Studies Released

proving that aerosols produced by the playing of wind instruments are the same or less than aerosols produced by breathing. (*University of Minnesota, 9/7/2020*)

California Department of Education:

Releases arts guidance for the implementation of standards during COVID, which includes protocols for the playing of wind instruments.

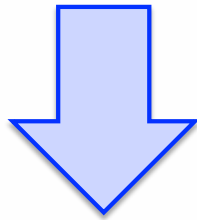
Aerosol Generation from Different Wind Instruments

University of Minnesota (9/7/20)

- Tuba produces fewer aerosols than normal breathing
- Bassoon, piccolo, flute, bass clarinet, French horn, and clarinet produce aerosols within the range of normal breathing and speaking
- ***Trumpet, oboe, and bass trombone tend to generate more aerosols than speaking***

Study recommends extra preventive measures such as a reduction in occupancy, additional social distancing, and ventilation enhancement when playing instruments that produce more aerosols than speaking.

A group of Orange County Superintendents met with Dr. Chau, Director of Orange County Healthcare Agency (OCHCA), to agree on protocols for wind instruments using the CDE protocols for instruments and the results of research studies.



Start of Wind Instrument Use in Orange County

Using approved guidelines in consultation with OCHCA and parental consent forms.



Safety Protocols/Parental Consent

- Screen musicians prior to rehearsal including temperature and symptoms check
- Well-fitted face masks must be worn by all students and staff (*Students who play a wind instrument must wear a slitted mask during rehearsal, however a regular mask, which fully covers the nose and mouth, must be worn during non-rehearsal time.*)
- All sound production of wind instruments must be conducted outdoors



- All wind instruments must use a bell cover lined with a MERV 13 filter or be played inside an instrument sack
- A 12x12 foot distance between students and adults must be maintained while wind instruments are being played (*A 6x6 foot distance between students should be maintained if wind instruments are not being played, and must be maintained between teachers and students.*)
- During rehearsals a 5-minute break must be taken every 30-minutes when wind instruments are producing sound



- Students cannot share equipment
- All student health and safety practices outlined in the District Opening & Safety Plan must be followed
- Students are responsible for the cleaning and sanitization of their instrument and all related PPE

- Students will be issued all the necessary PPE for the specific instrument they play (Slitted mouth mask/bell cover with filter)
- Students will be provided training on the PPE and instructions on how to care for the PPE
- Care for PPE will be a shared responsibility between students, parents and teachers
- If district issued PPE becomes lost, stolen or damaged, it will be the responsibility of the student/parent to replace the PPE needed for continued wind instrument play

Next Steps...

- A parent /guardian must sign the *Instrumental Music Notification & Consent* for a student to participate in rehearsal where wind instruments are being played ***(voluntary and no students grade/participation in a program will be penalized if they choose not to play)***
- Classes will be moved to outdoor spaces (weather appropriate)
- PPE will be distributed to students and teachers will train students on the use and recommended cleaning

