

YOUR BAND INSTRUMENT

# KEEPING IT CLEAN



## REMEMBER

You're the only one who plays your instrument.

Keep it that way to reduce your chances of getting sick AND keep your instrument safe.

## CLEAN YOUR MOUTHPIECE

Use soap and water to clean your mouthpiece; wash for as long as you'd wash your hands. Don't get any corks wet and **DO NOT** use **ANYTHING** except for soap. Flute players - use an alcohol wipe to clean your lip plate.

## CLEAN YOUR SWAB

Woodwind players should hand-wash their silk swabs with soap and water, rinse well, and lay out to dry.

## DO NOT USE BLEACH.

Bleach, Clorox, cleaning wipes, etc. are unnecessary **AND** will destroy your instrument. They tear off the lacquer, eat away the wood or metal, and only cause irreparable damage.

## OTHER TASKS

Reed players can spray their reeds with a green disinfectant that can be purchased at the music store (since you're the only one using them, this is probably unnecessary.)

Brass players, ask your band teacher for a good YouTube video to watch to learn how to give your instrument a bath. **NO SOAP/BLEACH** - this will damage your instrument. If you're willing to drop some cash, you can take your instrument to the music store for a "chemical clean" - not necessary in most cases.