

Happy New Year!! Here's to hoping that 2021 will bring us effective vaccines and in turn a steady decrescendo of the virus. I fully expect our challenges to continue through this semester, but am hopeful that things will return to a somewhat normal routine in the 21-22 school year. In the meantime, **here is some important information and reminders that we hope will prove helpful as you plan your events.**

S&E

If your region is providing a virtual contest review all covid-related updates at <https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/covid-19/uil-music-2020-2021> related to virtual events. Note the link to publishers who have approved their music being performed at a virtual event – including those that are hyperlinked to their affiliated publishers. If a publisher wishes to be added to the list, they are to contact Kyle Mills at the NFHS at kmills@nfhs.org.

Remember that **all entries and results, whether from a virtual or in person contest, must be maintained in TX music forms.**

TSSEC

At this time there has been no change to the status of this event – in person and scheduled for May 29-31. Any updates will be posted at <https://www.uiltexas.org/music/tssec> and shared with you as they become available.

State Mariachi Festival: currently under consideration to be moved to a later date

At this time there has been no change to the status of this event – in person and scheduled for February 19-20. Any updates will be posted at <https://www.uiltexas.org/music/state-mariachi-festival> and shared with you as they become available.

C&SR

Be sure you and the directors in your region understand the option to declare each entered group either varsity, non-varsity, or sub-non varsity, as well as the adjusted PML minimums and SR levels as explained at <https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/covid-19/uil-music-2020-2021>. Be mindful, though, that **all duplication of personnel rules still apply.**

Flex Arrangements may be substituted provided they meet our unabridged definition, as found at <https://www.uiltexas.org/pml/>.

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Remember that the **sight-reading explanation period pilot that was scheduled to start this semester in five regions has been delayed to a future year TBD.**

Marching Band

Remember that we will be holding state contests for all six conferences – military class and open class – this fall! Those tentative schedules are posted at <https://www.uiltexas.org/music/state-military-marching-band-contest> and <https://www.uiltexas.org/music/marching-band/state>. As listed at <https://www.uiltexas.org/music/marching-band/area> the preferred dates for the 2021 area contests are: **Saturday October 23: 3A/5A; Saturday, October 30: 2A/4A/6A.**