

Instrument Mouthpiece Sanitation

All Brass Players

(Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba)

- Use antibacterial soap to create a warm, soapy “bath” for your mouthpiece - this can be in a sink or bowl
- Soak your mouthpiece in warm, soapy water for 5-10 minutes. If you have a mouthpiece brush, scrub the inside of your mouthpiece
- Rinse mouthpiece with cool water to remove soap

Flutes

- Use a cotton ball with rubbing alcohol or alcohol wipes and clean the lip plate (where your lip touches the headjoint!)
- Students that have “green spray” may use this instead
- If you do not have any of the above - use mouthwash and a washcloth or paper towel to wipe the lip plate!

Clarinets and Saxophones

****Clarinets: remember to try to keep your cork as dry as possible during this cleaning process.****

- Soak your mouthpiece in lukewarm water and vinegar for 5-10 minutes. If you have a mouthpiece brush, gently scrub the inside of your mouthpiece
- If you do not have a mouthpiece brush or vinegar use dishwashing liquid with a baby bottle brush, a toothbrush, or a small makeup brush to soak and gently scrub the mouthpiece
- Rinse mouthpiece with cool water to remove soap