



## LONGHORN BAND

Dear Longhorn Alumni Band Members,

I hope this finds you all well. We are so excited to welcome you back to campus for Band Day next month and look forward to seeing you all in-person for the first time in a couple of years.

I wanted to share some updates about Band Day this year, as some things will be different to limit the exposure of the Longhorn Band. We delayed decisions about making changes for the weekend as long as we could, in hopes that conditions would improve. But, as you have no doubt heard, Longhorn Band had to pause rehearsals and miss the TCU game a few weeks ago due to COVID-19 protocols, and we must continue to exercise caution to keep our band members safe and healthy so they can continue performing for the rest of the season.

Here's what you can expect this year:

- The Longhorn Alumni Band will meet for rehearsal on Friday evening, but we are looking for an alternative rehearsal space that can safely accommodate a group of this size. We are not able to make our band hall, the music building or locker rooms available to alumni this year.
- On Saturday, we have allocated 1,100 seats in the upper deck near the North End Zone where the Longhorn Alumni Band will gather to visit and rehearse. Rather than marching from the band hall to the stadium, the Longhorn Alumni Band will meet at the stadium two hours before kickoff. (More details will be forthcoming about kickoff time and where to check in to enter the stadium.)
- The Longhorn Alumni Band will have extra playing time in the stands for this game. While the Longhorn Alumni Band will not take the field for this game, we are excited that this group will be able to perform live music from the stands during the second quarter while LHB is setting up from the halftime show and in the third quarter while the LHB is getting resettled in their seats.

While I know we were all hoping for a more “normal” fall reunion gathering this fall, we do believe that being able to gather in person in the stadium and have the Longhorn Alumni Band perform together is a huge step forward from our virtual Band Day last year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, and we look forward to seeing you on the Forty Acres in a few weeks!

Hook 'em,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cliff Croomes".

Dr. Cliff Croomes  
Director, Longhorn Band