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For those of you impacted by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Nicholas, please know UIL is here to support you as you work to help your communities recover. In the aftermath of the storm, we have received questions from several schools about **UIL rules related to Marching Band practices after schools are back in session.**

For a school that was not in session for 1 to 3 school days due to Hurricane/Tropical Storm Nicholas, UIL is permitting **one weekend waiver** to the UIL rule that limits marching band practice to 8-hours per calendar week outside the school day. **For a school that was not in session for 4 or more school days** due to Hurricane/Tropical Storm Nicholas, UIL is permitting **two weekend waivers** to the UIL rule that limits marching band practice to 8-hours per calendar week outside the school day. This waiver still requires affected marching bands to remain under the state law limitation of 8-hours of rehearsal per school week (12:01 AM on the first instructional day of a calendar week through the close of instruction on the last instructional day of the calendar week, excluding holidays); however, with local administration approval, an affected marching band could have practice time on the weekend that is beyond the 8-hours allowed by state law during the school week.

If you have questions about this waiver, or any other UIL questions related to the storm, please feel free to contact the UIL staff at music@uiltexas.org or (512) 471-5883.