

February 24, 2021

Dear WISD families,

Last night, the WISD Board of Education formally voted to begin individualized in-person and hybrid instruction for student programs beginning March 1, 2021. This decision was made based on a recommendation from the district's Instructional Governance Committee of program supervisors and staff and the Executive Administration team.

We are incredibly excited to begin the first phase of seeing students again in our classrooms for in-person instruction. Each WISD student program will phase into an in-person instructional delivery model in a way that allows each program to best meet the needs of their students while ensuring the health and safety of students and staff. Your program supervisor will be communicating with you on next steps for your student. Due to the current risk level associated with home-based services, WISD's Early Childhood Home Visiting programs will continue to remain virtual unless an accommodation is required by a child's IFSP/IEP.

**Safety is our number one priority. WISD has been planning very carefully for our students' return, and we are committed to adhering to all processes and protocols that will keep our classrooms as safe as possible for students and staff.** Our district has met or exceeded guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This includes increasing ventilation and improving air quality standards beyond what is required and providing personal protective equipment (PPE) that will meet the unique needs of our students and staff. All WISD special education teachers and teaching assistants and most ancillary staff who work directly with our student programs have been offered the opportunity to be vaccinated. Every WISD team member is required to submit a health screener prior to visiting any of our facilities. Our teams have been meticulously planning for social distancing and healthy hygiene in our classrooms. We believe that by using every tool available to us, we can greatly minimize the risk of COVID-19 in our buildings.

**We are also asking families to do their part to keep our WISD community safe and healthy.** Please review our student health and safety screener (see next page) each day and keep them home if they are feeling ill, have been in close contact with a person who's recently tested positive for COVID-19, or have [travel history that requires quarantining as recommended by the CDC](#). Please also continue masking up, social distancing, and practicing healthy hygiene habits. If and when you are able, please consider getting adults in your household vaccinated.

We are so very excited to start seeing students again! As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to us using [Let's Talk](#).

Please take good care.

Sincerely,



Naomi Norman  
Interim Superintendent  
Washtenaw Intermediate School District



## COVID-19 HEALTH SCREENING

Help us ensure a safe, healthy learning experience!

### Symptoms

#### Is your child experiencing any of these symptoms?

- Temperature of 100.4° F or higher
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Cough (new, uncontrolled, and not associated with allergies or asthma)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell



### Close Contacts & Potential Exposure

#### In the past 14 days, has your child:



- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with:
  - A person with confirmed COVID-19?
  - A person under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19?
- Had any travel history that requires quarantining as recommended by the CDC?

If your child is experiencing symptoms **and/or** answered YES to any of the Close Contact and Potential Exposure questions, **please keep them home.**