

April 9, 2021

Dear WISD families,

Earlier today, Governor Whitmer urged high schools in Michigan to transition to virtual instruction for the next two weeks to slow the spread of COVID-19. Michigan has seen a significant growth in cases due to the prevalence of the B117 variant, which is more contagious, particularly among youth. Washtenaw ISD has been in close contact with the Washtenaw County Health Department, which has confirmed that most youth cases in our community are related to high school-age youth and youth involved in sports.

In light of Governor Whitmer's recommendation and after reviewing factors that impact the ability for each individual WISD program to provide safe face-to-face instruction, **we are making updates to the following WISD programs:**

- **Progress Park:** Transition to fully virtual instruction for all students beginning Monday, April 12, 2021, with an anticipated return date of Monday, April 26, 2021.
- **Red Oak:** Will remain hybrid for students *currently* receiving hybrid instruction, but plans for expanding hybrid for additional days will be pushed back to April 26, 2021.

**The following WISD programs will maintain their current instructional and service delivery plans:**

- Adult Education at the Washtenaw County Complex on Hogback
- Court-Involved Youth at the Washtenaw County Complex on Hogback
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing PreK and K-8 Classrooms
- Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs
- High Point
- Local-Based Classrooms in Eberwhite, Manchester, Milan, and Dexter High School
- Young Adult Out-Center Classrooms at Carpenter, Chelsea, Dexter, Downtown Ypsilanti, EMU, Liberty, WCC and Washtenaw News
- Young Adult Project

**If your student has been attending hybrid instruction, but you wish to transition to fully remote instruction, please contact your student's teacher or program supervisor.**

Because we know more now about how this virus spreads and how to greatly minimize the risk of transmission within our schools, we believe safe, in-person instruction can be maintained for most WISD programs at the level they are currently providing. The decision to maintain hybrid instruction for some programs was based on a number of factors, including low numbers in classrooms at any given time and that some programs are better able to follow health and safety protocols such as masking and social distancing. Each WISD program is unique, and so our response to the pandemic must be unique for each program as well.

**However, should factors that impact the district's ability to provide safe in-person instruction change, we will modify instruction and service delivery plans on an as-needed basis at the classroom or program level.**



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We continue working closely with the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) to make decisions informed by health and science data, and WISD will continue following all guidelines and protocols. As a reminder, we need *everyone* to do their part to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 both inside and outside of school. This includes keeping your child home if they're experiencing *any* symptoms, completing the daily health screener, masking up, social distancing, practicing healthy hygiene habits, and if you can, get vaccinated. (More information on getting vaccinated is below.)

We are grateful to everyone who continues taking the health and safety precautions. We are all tired and the pandemic fatigue is very real, but we truly believe we are getting close to overcoming this pandemic thanks to your continued efforts and the immense vaccination efforts.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to us using [Let's Talk](#). Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we all work together to keep our community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Naomi Norman  
Interim Superintendent  
Washtenaw Intermediate School District



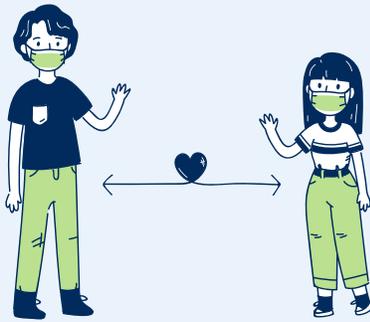
# KEEPING OURSELVES HEALTHY

Inside and outside of school.

Slowing the spread of COVID-19 requires each of us to do our part.

## MASK UP

Wear a mask over your nose and mouth in public or when you're around people outside your household.



## SOCIAL DISTANCE & GATHER OUTDOORS WHENEVER POSSIBLE

Do not have unmasked, multi-household gatherings, especially indoor parties or sleepovers.

## STAY HOME WHEN YOU FEEL ANY SYMPTOMS

This includes anything that feels like spring allergies. Get tested, even if you think your symptoms are mild.



## QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS IF YOU ARE EXPOSED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

If you are not fully vaccinated, you must quarantine if you come in close contact with someone who positive with COVID-19.

## IF YOU CAN, GET VACCINATED

All Michigan residents age 16 and older are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine.

\*Only the Pfizer vaccine is currently approved for ages 16+. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are currently approved for 18+.

Request an appointment by clicking:

- [Washtenaw Co. Health Department](#)
- [Meijer](#) (or text "COVID" to 75049)
- [Ford Field](#)
- [Rite-Aid](#)
- [CVS](#)
- [Walgreens](#)

