



Early Intervention

2020-21 PROGRAM YEAR

An overview of Washtenaw Intermediate School District's 2020-21 year for early childhood programs.

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Washtenaw Intermediate School District is pleased to share our 2020-21 program year plan with our families, staff and community! We believe our plan will meet the unique and individualized needs of our WISD early childhood families.

This plan was developed in collaboration with WISD families, staff, union leadership, the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), administrators, and WISD Board of Education Trustees, and follows guidance from the Washtenaw County Health Department, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control, and Governor Whitmer's MI Safe Schools: 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap.

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PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Phase 4:** WISD staff will continue connecting with families virtually to discuss individualized plans for children and families and review any ongoing needs, such as technology. Fully virtual home visits will continue, which will include engaging children and families, reviewing protocols, and working toward your child's and family's outcomes. When required, appropriate accommodations will be provided.
- **Phase 5:** *When it is safe to do so*, a transition to in-person services may begin in mutually agreed upon safe spaces. During Phase 5, families may continue with virtual home visits.
- **Phase 6:** Home visiting will transition to in-person services with virtual services as appropriate.
- **Playgroups:** Playgroups will continue virtually during Phases 4 and 5, and will transition to in-person playgroups during Phase 6.

WISD will continuously re-evaluate services, impact, and results, as well as current COVID-19 data and research to make adjustments.



Important: Please remember that as the COVID-19 pandemic changes, this plan may also change as required or recommended by state or federal government and/or public health recommendations.

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

When face-to-face services begin, WISD will meet or exceed all required and highly recommended health and safety protocols, as outlined in our COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, including:

- Face Coverings
- Hygiene
- Spacing, Movement & Facility Access (Playgroups)
- Cleaning
- Screening & Testing
- Responding to Positive Tests
- Medically Vulnerable Children, Caregivers & Staff



KEY HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

For when in-person services begin. All district health and safety protocols are available for review in our COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan at www.washtenawisd.org. (Please remember that as the COVID-19 pandemic changes, this plan may also change as required or recommended by state or federal government and/or public health recommendations.)

FACE COVERINGS



All WISD staff, adult caregivers participating in home visits, and children (ages 25+ months) are required to wear face coverings during home visits.

- Cloth facial masks or disposable masks are acceptable; a disposable mask will be supplied by your home visitor if needed.
- Any child or staff member incapacitated or unable to remove the face covering without assistance must *not* wear a face covering.

During home visits, face coverings:

- Are **not permitted on children ages birth through 24 months old**, as they should never be used on children younger than 25 months old.
- Are **required for children ages 25+ months old and adult caregivers** participating in the home visit.

If a family declines to wear face coverings, a virtual home visit will be offered as an alternative.

Children and caregivers who have medical exemptions will need to notify their home visitor or program supervisor to provide documentation.

CLEANING & HYGIENE



- All families and staff are expected to practice good hygiene, as recommended by the Washtenaw County Health Department.
- As a safety precaution, WISD is using "Script" so caregivers can electronically and safely sign documents.
- Any items brought to the home by your home visitor will be disinfected prior to your visit.
- Home visitors will have disinfectant wipes available as needed during your visit.
- Your home visitor may have additional personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, face masks, face shields, etc., and they will be changed or disinfected prior to your visit.

SCREENING, TESTING & RESPONDING TO POSITIVE CASES



- All WISD staff will be required to complete a health screener prior to coming to work and engaging in home visits, including a daily symptom and temperature check.
- Caregivers, children, and anyone participating in a home visit will be required to complete a health screener prior to each home visit, including a symptom and temperature check.

COVID-19 Response Protocols:

- WISD's Human Resources department will work with the Washtenaw County Health Department to ensure all COVID-19 protocols and recommendations are followed, including timely communication with anyone identified as a close contact.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

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