



2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

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

This plan was developed in collaboration with WISD students, 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.

Our full COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan is available on our website at www.washtenawisd.org.

UPDATED SCHOOL START

- **Beginning August 31:** WISD staff will connect with families to start discussing individualized plans for students and families and review any needs for the school year, such as technology.
- **September 8:** Fully virtual instruction will begin, which will include re-engaging students and families, reviewing protocols, and establishing new structures and routines.
- **September 21:** Virtual instruction and services will continue, but *if it is safe to do so*, individualized face-to-face programming may begin for a small number of students or families with low-risk staff and in low-risk spaces.
- **September 28:** WISD will begin re-evaluating virtual and individualized programming, 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 instruction or 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
- Cleaning
- Food Service, Gatherings & Extracurriculars
- Screening & Testing
- Responding to Positive Tests
- Transportation
- Medically Vulnerable Students & Staff



KEY HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

For when face-to-face instruction or 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 and children (ages 3-26) are required to wear face coverings throughout the school building and in common areas, except for meals.

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

For students and early childhood children, face coverings:

- **Must** be worn in grades PreK-12 (if at least 6 years old) when on a school bus, in indoor hallways and common areas.
- **Must** be worn in grades PreK-5 (if at least 6 years old) in classrooms, unless students remain in their class throughout the day and *do not* come in contact with another class.
- **Must** be worn in grades 6 and up when in classrooms.
- Are **strongly encouraged** for children ages 3-4 to wear face coverings in the classroom.
- Are **not permitted on children younger than age 2**, as they should *never* be used on children under age 2.

Students who have medical exemptions will need to notify their school nurse, program supervisor, or classroom teacher to provide documentation.

CLEANING & HYGIENE

- All students and staff are expected to practice good hygiene, as recommended by the Washtenaw County Health Department.
- Prior to students returning, a walk-thru of each building will occur to identify areas of frequent use in order to update cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting protocols.
- All frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned at least every 4 hours. Disinfectant wipes or disinfectant spray will be provided to classroom staff to wipe down desks, tables, keyboards, manipulatives, or other shared supplies. The use of shared supplies should be suspended or kept to a minimum.
- Outdoor playground equipment will be cleaned daily.
- All OT/PT equipment must be disinfected before and after each use.

SCREENING, TESTING & RESPONDING TO POSITIVE CASES

- All WISD staff will be required to complete a health screener prior to coming to work, including a daily symptom and temperature check.
- Parents, guardians, and caregivers are strongly recommended to check and monitor their child's temperature and COVID-19 symptoms on a daily basis.

COVID-19 Response Protocols:

- Each WISD site will have a designated quarantine area and a Quarantine Response Team should symptoms of COVID-19 arise during the school day.
- Any students or staff who test positive for COVID-19 will work with WISD's Human Resources department on contact tracing efforts.
- The 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? Please contact your student or child's program supervisor with any questions or concerns.