

May 13, 2022

Dear WISD families and staff,

Last night, Washtenaw County shifted into a “high” COVID-19 community level, as determined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and our district will follow all “high” protocols beginning on Monday, May 16, 2022.

As we think about the long-term presence of COVID-19 in our world, Washtenaw ISD continues to evaluate our COVID-19 health and safety protocols, and will be making two immediate changes:

#### Health Screening

The completion of *online* health screeners will no longer be used, even as part of “high” protocols.

- **All WISD students and staff** should keep monitoring their own health at all times and stay home if they are experiencing any new or worsening symptoms that are associated with COVID-19, the flu, or a cold.
- **All WISD visitors** will be required to sign in to acknowledge they have reviewed WISD’s health screener when arriving at a WISD site as part of both “medium” and “high” protocols. This will not be necessary for “low” protocols.

#### Antigen Testing

- **For WISD staff and students**, optional antigen testing is available to anyone, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, at a WISD site if they request a test:
  - **Parents, guardians, or caretakers** can contact the nurse assigned to their program if they would like their student tested.
  - **Staff in student programs** can contact the nurse assigned to their program for testing.
  - **Staff based in the TLC** can contact nurses Gwen Hoover ([ghoover@washtenawisd.org](mailto:ghoover@washtenawisd.org)) or Kim Kohls ([kkohls@washtenawisd.org](mailto:kkohls@washtenawisd.org)).
- **For WISD early childhood families**, at-home antigen tests are available upon request while supplies last. Early childhood families can contact their home visitor with their request.

[A full district overview of our low, medium and high protocols is available here.](#) For more detailed information for WISD’s programs and sites, please see below:

- **WISD Early Childhood Programs** ([English](#)) / ([Spanish](#))
- **WISD [Student Programs](#)**
- **WISD [Local-Based Classrooms](#)**
- **WISD [Staff at the TLC](#)**
- **WISD [Staff serving local districts](#)**

These updates were made based on conditions that have changed over the last few months. Staff and students have been self-reporting when they have symptoms, and now there is increased accessibility and availability of testing resources, [prescription medications](#), and medical care available to treat COVID-19.

As cases continue to rise in our community, WISD will maintain all other protocols including masking, physical distancing, improved ventilation, and healthy hygiene habits. With summer upon us, we will begin to look at other changes in our protocols once cases trend back down.



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As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,

Naomi Norman  
Superintendent