



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Subject: Parent Update 11-13-2020


To: Dexter Community School District Recipients <recipients@dexterschools.parentlink.net>

Dear DCS Parents,

After consultation with the Washtenaw County Health Department earlier today, Dexter Community Schools will be moving to a 14-day pause in in-person instruction for our Young 5 - 6th grade students starting on Thursday, November 19th and continuing through Wednesday, December 2nd. All other programming (Jenkins, ECSC, etc) will continue as scheduled.

In October, our community had a 2-week average of 3 positive cases in 48130. As of yesterday, there were 56 positive cases in 48130. As a county, we have 228 cases per million which is on a concerning upward trajectory. In the past 24 hours, the Washtenaw County Health Department confirmed 159 new cases. Unlike a month ago, where 60-80% of the cases were individuals between 18-22, the newest trends show the 18-22 year olds are only 28% of the cases. Currently, nearly 40% of the new cases in the county are individuals between the ages of 30-64. Community spread is evident and, based on MDHHS guidance, it is recommended that we take a 14-day pause in in-person instruction (see below).

MDHHS LEVEL RISK DETERMINATION

School Building and District Spread Indicators			
	No Cases in School Buildings	Building(s) with known cases in staff or students but no ongoing transmission	Building(s) with evidence of ongoing transmission
Low	In person with mitigation measures	In person with strict mitigation measures after cleaning/contact tracing	In person with strict mitigation in affected buildings with cases after an appropriate pause
Med.	In person with strict mitigation measures	In person with strict mitigation measures after cleaning/contact tracing	In person with strict mitigation in affected buildings with cases after an appropriate pause
Med-High	In person with strict mitigation measures	In person with strict mitigation measures after cleaning/contact tracing	Consider reduced density with strict mitigation measures. Discuss additional strategies with local health department.
High	In person with strict mitigation measures. Discuss additional innovative mitigation strategies with the local health dept.	Consider reduced density with strict mitigation measures. Discuss additional strategies with local health department.	Consider reduced density with strict mitigation measures. Discuss additional strategies with local health department.
Very High	Consider reduced density with strict mitigation measures. Discuss additional strategies with local health department.	Consider reduced density with strict mitigation measures. Discuss additional strategies with local health department.	Consider remote instruction in affected building(s) for 28 days.
 Highest	Consider appropriate pause (14 days) of in-person instruction in entire district to discuss additional strategies for protecting students and staff, including but not limited to testing strategies.	Consider remote instruction in entire district.	Consider remote instruction in entire district.

- Low risk: <7 COVID-19 cases per million people in county or <3% percent diagnostic tests are positive
- Medium risk: 7 to <20 COVID-19 cases per million people in the county or 3 to <7% percent diagnostic tests are positive
- Medium-High risk: 20 to <40 COVID-19 cases per million people in the county or 7 to <10 percent diagnostic tests are positive
- High risk: 40 to <70 COVID-19 cases per million people in the county or 10 to <15 percent diagnostic tests are positive
- Very High risk: 70 to <150 COVID-19 cases per million people in the county or 15 to <20 percent diagnostic tests are positive
- Highest risk: 150 or more cases per million people in the county or 20 or greater percent diagnostic tests are positive

Parents of students in Young 5's through 6th grade should plan for alternate child care options starting on Thursday, November 19th and continuing through December 2nd. Early next week, teachers and individual buildings will communicate schedule changes for full remote instruction to families and students.

In the meantime, we ask that you continue to make decisions to protect the health and safety of your families and our entire community. For resources and the most recent recommendation, please visit the Washtenaw County Health Department [website](#) for [resources](#) available to help guide families.

Stay safe!

Christopher J. Timmis, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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