



Important Update - Spring Break

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March 24, 2021

Dear DCS Parents, Students, and Staff,

Please read this entire letter carefully. Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep each other safe and increase in-person learning for our students. Below are important messages and information regarding spring break, Covid-19 testing for anyone who is traveling, athletics testing, and summer school/learning plans.

COVID-19 Testing for Anyone Traveling: Free Rapid Testing will be offered on Saturday, April 3rd from 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District ([1819 South Wagner Road, Ann Arbor](https://www.washtenawschools.org/1819-South-Wagner-Road-Ann-Arbor)). This will be a drive-thru saliva test, but if someone tests positive, a follow-up PCR (nasal swab) test will be available directly on-site. Pre-registration is required: <http://honumg.info/WashtenawISD> . This test cannot be used as a substitute for our athletics testing. Information is provided at the bottom of this email.

Athletics Testing: All in-season athletes at Dexter High School, Mill Creek, or in Community Education programs with athletes over age 13 are required to be tested at least weekly. The week starts on Sunday, April 4th. If an athlete is not tested, (s)he will not be permitted to participate in practices on Monday, April 5th. We apologize that the first week falls on Easter. We all want to spend times with our families that day, too. That being said, we are given rules to protect safety of students that we must follow. In order to allow your children to participate in athletics, these are the rules. We do not have enough staff to do testing on Monday prior to practices and contests. It is logistically not possible. Therefore, we are offering the testing on Sunday evenings. A [sign-up link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAAA2FA3FC1-athlete) is available for time slots at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAAA2FA3FC1-athlete>

Please bring all the attached forms (completed) when your athlete arrives. All three forms are not needed each week but are needed in week one of testing.

Spring Break Travel: Thank you for partnering with DCS as we all navigate this pandemic and educate our children. We're back in classes and would like to continue offering in-person learning but we need your help. This is truly a partnership in maintaining the safety of everyone in our school community. If you are traveling over spring break, we urge you to follow the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recommendations regarding traveling safely. Please consider these recommendations:

- Get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before you travel and Do Not travel if you test positive.
- Check travel restrictions before you go; especially information about the spread of any new variants of Covid-19 in the locations you plan to visit.
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth when in public settings.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet from anyone who did not travel with you. It's important to do this everywhere - both indoors and outdoors.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol)
- Bring extra supplies such as masks and hand sanitizer.
- Avoid contact with anyone who is sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

We will continue to track close contact situations among our students and staff over Spring Break. If your student tests positive or is considered a close contact to someone who has tested positive during the week we are off, please email Human Resources at hr@dexterschools.org. We will not have full staff working over the spring break. We ask that, if your child tests positive or is a close contact to someone who has tested positive, please do not return to school until our district contract tracers have communicated with you.

Summer Programming for DCS Students: We will continue to offer summer programming like summer camps and Camp Dexter but have other new opportunities for our students this summer. For K-8 students, we're offering the Dread Strong Summer Program free to any family or student who is interested.

Dread Strong Summer Program (Young 5's - 8th graders who are currently enrolled or enrolled for fall): Students will be provided a variety of experiences over the course of each week designed to engage them in hands-on, collaborative learning. Shared experiences in learning will include nature, music, games, field sports, art, science and engineering, and other learning experiences. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Parents may choose from one week or several weeks at no cost. Transportation will be provided. The program will be held on the DCS campus and will utilize multiple school facilities. Times will be Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Dread Strong Summer program is tentatively scheduled to run June 21st -24th, June 28th - July 1st, July 12th - 15th, 19th - 22nd, 26th - 29th, August 2nd -5th, 9th-12th, and 16th - 19th. No sessions will be offered July 5th - July 8th. Sign-up will begin in mid-April. For parents who need longer care, we will coordinate with Camp Dexter for tuition-based care on non-Dread Strong Summer days/times.

Dexter High School Summer Credit Recovery: Credit recovery options for Dexter High School students will be available at no cost in a variety of options. Details will be provided to students in April/May. Some sessions will be run from June 21st - June 24th for students who are close to earning credit in a course. This will be a focused week of specialized support for selected students who need short-term intervention to pass one or more courses. Starting July 12th through July 30th, DHS students may take a combination of classroom-based courses, lab courses, or self-paced online courses (with teacher support). All sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation will be provided to students in the programs. Details will be shared in April/May with students and parents.

Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD

Superintendent



**FREE COVID-19
RAPID TESTING**
SATURDAY, APRIL 3 | 10:00 AM-4:00 PM



Want to be sure you're healthy & safe?
Returning from spring break travel?
Thinking of seeing family or friends?
Come get a free rapid test!

Washtenaw Intermediate School District is offering free drive-thru COVID-19 testing for anyone in our community on April 3, 2021.

Tests will be contactless and saliva-based antigen test.*

**If you have a positive antigen test, a PCR nasal swab test will then be available on-site.*

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

2 WAYS TO
PRE-REGISTER:



Visit:
<http://honumg.info/WashtenawISD>



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code using
your smart
phone's
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