



November 3, 2021

Dear DCS Families, Students, and Staff,

It's November and it's already snowing up north. Summer was fun and fall was brief. Below are a few important updates:

Vaccinations for 5 - 11 year olds: With the recent approval of Covid-19 vaccines for 5 - 11 year olds, DCS is finalizing plans to offer vaccinations during the school day on Wednesday, November 10th and second doses on Friday, December 3rd. Authorization forms, registration and details will be sent later this week. A schedule of vaccination times will be provided on Tuesday so parents who choose to accompany their child can meet at the building on Wednesday. Vaccinations will only be available to DCS students during these dates.

In addition, the Washtenaw County Health Department has announced that they are offering vaccinations by appointment. Available appointments for children will be posted at noon on Friday, Nov 5 and Monday, Nov 8 with a scheduling link at www.washtenaw.org/covid19vaccine. If you cannot schedule online, please contact the Health Department at 734-544-6700 or health@washtenaw.org. The first appointments will be on Tuesday, Nov 9. There is no waiting list. If you schedule an appointment but get an earlier vaccination elsewhere, please remember to cancel so someone else can use the appointment.

State of the School District - Dexter Community Schools will be hosting a State of the School District Community Forum on Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will provide an overview of the school district programming, challenges, and discussion of opportunities. There will be a significant portion planned for community input. To register for the webinar, please visit [this link](#).

Athletics/Performing Arts Mask Protocol Changes: On Friday, the WCHD provided an exception to the mask order for indoor Athletics and Performing Arts. After reviewing the WCHD order and guidance, effective tomorrow, Thursday, November 4, the following changes will be made impacting athletics and performing arts indoors in DCS gyms and facilities. Students can always choose to wear a mask while performing or competing. Please talk with your student-athletes and performers so they know what their parents would like them to do. Masks are still required during the school day, on buses, and in all other school settings other than specified below:

DEXTER ATHLETICS & PERFORMING
ARTS WINTER 2021-22



MASK AND QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS
FOR ALL TEAMS/PROGRAMS

MASKS

- 1. SPECTATORS, COACHES, ATHLETES, AND PERFORMERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS ON BENCHES, IN THE STANDS, IN THE THEATER AUDIENCE, LOCKER ROOMS, WEIGHT ROOMS, ETC.**
- 2. MASKS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED OF ATHLETES OR PERFORMERS ONLY WHILE ON THE COURT, IN THE POOL, ACTIVELY PERFORMING, OR IN COMPETITION.**

WCHD Athletics and Performing Arts Quarantine Protocols: . The WCHD provided the following information regarding quarantines for indoor athletics and performing arts:



DEXTER ATHLETICS AND PERFORMING ARTS WINTER 2021-22 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Quarantine Rules

The WCHD Quarantine Rules regarding athletics and performing arts are as follows: Fully vaccinated individuals will not need to quarantine if they are symptom free. Unvaccinated individuals in sports or the performing arts will be required to do a traditional quarantine for 7 or 10 days and will not be eligible for Test to Stay.

Due to higher risk of transmission in the following indoor sports, the default is to treat the entire team as close contacts if someone on the team develops COVID.

- **Basketball, Ice Hockey** - if there is exposure from a game, **both teams** will be required to quarantine unvaccinated team members.
- **Competitive Cheer, Volleyball, Water Polo** - only the **team with the case** will be required to quarantine unvaccinated team members.
- **Wrestling** - the unvaccinated wrestling opponents of anyone who is COVID-positive will be required to quarantine, as well as anyone within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more.
- **Performing Arts, Swimming and Diving** - Close contacts will be defined as being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more.

For More Information:

<https://www.washtenaw.org/DocumentCenter/View/22943/Washtenaw-County-School-Sports-and-Performing-Arts-Guidelines-10-29-2021>

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Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

Attachments:

 [messages/attachments/5ba6788a38ec1a72018e350190844851/ATHLETICS_%26_PERFORMING_ARTS_%281%29.pdf](https://www.washtenaw.org/DocumentCenter/View/22943/Washtenaw-County-School-Sports-and-Performing-Arts-Guidelines-10-29-2021) (313.6 KB)