



## **Early Childhood Addendum** **Washtenaw ISD's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan**

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### **Introduction:**

Governor Whitmer's [Executive Order 2020-142](#) "provides a structure to support all schools in Michigan as they plan for a return of pre-K-12 education in the fall. Under the order, school districts must adopt a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan laying out how they will cope with the disease across the various phases of the [Michigan Safe Start Plan](#).

This addendum adds to the requirements and expectations within Washtenaw ISD's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. It does not replace or supplant and requirements within the district's Plan.

This addendum provides additional guidance and expectations for Washtenaw ISDs Early Childhood Programs and Services (81000) including:

- The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)
- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- Early On (Part C of IDEA) and Birth to Three Michigan Mandatory Special Education (MMSE) 990005817
- Programs and Services included in Section 32p and Section 32p(4) of the School Aid Act including:
  - Early Head Start Home Visiting
  - The Great Start Collaborative (GSC)
  - Great Start Parent Coalition (GSC)

This addendum will also apply to the Preparedness and Response Plans for WISD subrecipient and delegate partner programs including:

- For the Great Start Readiness Program:
  - Ann Arbor Public Schools (81010)
  - Chelsea Public Schools (81040)
  - Dexter Community Schools (81050)
  - Lincoln Consolidated Schools (81070)
  - Manchester Community Schools (81080)
  - Milan Area Schools (81100)
  - Saline Area Schools (81120)
  - Whitmore Lake Public Schools (81140)
  - Ypsilanti Community Schools (81020)
  - Global Tech Academy (81900)
  - Central Academy (81902)

- Multicultural Academy (81908)
  - Gretchen's House Inc. (990000913)
  - Eastern Michigan University (81SPX0003)
  - Foundations Preschool of Washtenaw County (810000071)
  - Dorothy's Discovery Daycare Center, Inc. (990005007)
  - Play and Learn Children's Place (990005008)
  - Bottles-N-Backpacks CDC (990005817)
- For Head Start Programs:
    - Ann Arbor Public Schools (81010)
    - Lincoln Consolidated Schools (81070)
    - Whitmore Lake Public Schools (81140)
    - Ypsilanti Community Schools (81020)
  - For Early On (Part C of IDEA) and Birth to Three Michigan Mandatory Special Education (MMSE):
    - Ann Arbor Public Schools (81010)

**For All Washtenaw ISD Early Childhood Staff:**

All Washtenaw ISD early childhood staff members are expected to follow the requirements and expectations within Washtenaw ISD's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.

**For All Subrecipients and Delegate Partners:**

All Washtenaw ISD subrecipient and delegate partners are expected to follow the requirements and expectations within their own district's (LEAs and PSAs) or licensed program's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan as required by Executive Order 2020-142 and LARA's Guidelines for Safe Child Care Operations During COVID-19.

**For Head Start and Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Subrecipient and Delegate Partners:**

Head Start and GSRP partners must develop a written COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for each licensed program site. A copy of the Plan must be emailed to Washtenaw ISD's Executive Director of Early Childhood Programs at: [aoman@washtenawisd.org](mailto:aoman@washtenawisd.org) prior to the first day of programming. A copy of the Plan must be provided to all enrolled GSRP and Head Start parents and guardians and be available on site for both your staff and Washtenaw ISD Early Childhood Specialist to review as needed.

The Plan must include:

- How you will monitor symptoms of COVID-19
- How your program will practice social distancing, and developmentally appropriate
- How your program will ensure hygiene (including regular cleaning and disinfecting)

- How you will use safety equipment (including Personal Protective Equipment-PPE)
- Communication protocols for families to report symptoms or a positive test and policies on when children will be excluded from in-person instruction
- Isolation procedures in case of symptoms or confirmed cases onsite
- How to maintain required staff to child ratios if a staff member becomes ill
- Modification to your center attendance policy and handbook related to accommodations for COVID-19

Subrecipient and delegate programs must also follow the guidance provided to GSRP programs in **Guidance for the Implementation of the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)** [available here](#).

**For Early On, Birth to Three Mandatory Special Education (MMSE) Services, and Early Head Start Home Visiting:**

All staff members providing home based early intervention and home visiting services will follow the Washtenaw ISD **Early Intervention Phases of Services Plan through COVID-19** [available here](#).