



WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mark Greathead
Superintendent

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Dear Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Community,

The following is an update regarding our return to face-to-face instruction for our in-person learners, scheduled for Wednesday, December 9.

As you recall, on Sunday, November 15, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an emergency order that prohibited face-to-face instruction for 9th-12th grade students from November 18 – December 8.

The Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, on Monday, November 16, made the decision to additionally suspend in-person instruction for K-8th grade students also from November 18 – December 8.

On November 20, the Wayne County Health Department issued a Public Health Advisory with the strong recommendation that all schools in Wayne County shift to a remote learning model through January 15, 2021.

As a result of the WCHD Public Health Advisory, I requested, and received, a WBSD specific consultative meeting with the health department on December 3. This meeting covered the existing WBSD mitigation plan and a review of COVID-19 related data for both Wayne County and the communities of Woodhaven and Brownstown (15-day positive totals, 15 day-averages, average cases per million, Wayne County positivity rate, and our community risk levels – see table at the end of this communication).

In this meeting, I asked the health department what additional mitigation factors would they support in our effort to return our students to in-person learning. They cited the need for social distancing and more stringent screening protocols.

Therefore, our return to learning plan for December 9 – January 15 is: ALL K-12 in-person students will return to school under the WBSD “Safe Start” model. The “Safe Start” model has approximately 50% of the in-person student body in attendance on any given day. The 50% is broken down by alphabet. The “Safe Start” model allows us to maximize social distancing during in-person learning. Your building principal will communicate the specific learning schedule for your child.

To implement more stringent health screening protocols, we are now expecting that a parent complete the health screener, on-line, for their child(ren), each day that they are to

be in attendance. This is the same process that all employees in the WBSD have been completing. More specific information related to health screening procedures will also be forthcoming from your building principal.

It is our expectation that we will return all in-person learners to their daily face-to-face learning model on Tuesday, January 19. Please know, while this is the plan developed in consultation with the local health department, this plan may be preempted by future requirements of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and/or Governor (i.e., we expect an announcement early next week regarding the 11/15 MDHSS emergency order that suspended 9-12 in-person instruction).

Thank you for your patience and continued support of the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark Greathead
 Superintendent
 Woodhaven-Brownstown School District

Woodhaven and Brownstown Community Data – from Wayne County Health Department

Woodhaven-Brownstown District for 15 day period ending 12/1/20									
Factor									
population (census) (Woodhaven)	12,469								
School district Mitigation Plan score	89%								
Trend analysis of:	1-Dec	24-Nov	17-Nov	10-Nov	3-Nov	27-Oct	20-Oct	13-Oct	6-Oct
15 day total # of cases in municipality	113	111	107		40				
observed 15 day daily average	7.53	7.4	7.13		2.67				
average cases/day/million population	604.16	593.47	572.09	411.69	213.86	641.59	90.89	58.81	90.89
Wayne County positivity rate	13.30%	13.60%	12.60%		7.2%				
Wayne County Spread Level for municipality (A-E)	E	E	E		E				
Factor									
population (census) (Brownstown)	32,081								
School district Mitigation Plan score	89%								
Trend analysis of:	1-Dec	24-Nov	17-Nov	10-Nov	3-Nov	27-Oct	20-Oct	13-Oct	6-Oct
15 day total # of cases in municipality	300	341	269		136				
observed 15 day daily average	20.0	22.73	17.93		9.07				
average cases/day/million population	623.42	708.62	559	469.64	282.62	93.51	78.97	37.41	124.68
Wayne County positivity rate	13.30%	13.60%	12.60%		7.20%				
Wayne County Spread Level for municipality (A-E)	E	E	E		E				