



Whitefish Bay

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Whitefish Bay School Community,

This letter is to notify you that due to continued COVID-19 spread and close contact quarantines of high school students and staff, Whitefish Bay High School will continue temporary full virtual learning November 2 through November 6. As difficult as these transitions may be, the District is committed to continuing learning temporarily in our full virtual modality. Engaging in the virtual modality will maximize the health and safety of our students and staff, and stabilize the High School operations. Please see [District Dashboard](#) for positive case and quarantine data.

Please know that we have carefully considered all options and are continuing to prioritize the health and safety of all students, staff, and families. At this juncture, the High School plans to return to our blended model of in-person learning on November 9. Should there be a change to this plan, you will be notified as soon as possible.

Cumberland Elementary, Richards Elementary, and WFB Middle School will continue in the blended model schedule for the week as indicated below:

- Mon, Nov. 2 - Cohort A In Person Learning
- Tue, Nov. 3 - Cohort A In Person Learning
- Wed, Nov. 4 - Asynchronous Learning for all students & 4K-12
- Thurs, Nov. 5 - Cohort B In Person Learning
- Fri, Nov. 6 - Cohort B In Person Learning

We continue to strongly encourage all school community members to observe the safety mitigation practices that have allowed the District to sustain most in person learning and school activities to date. Community transmission is at high to critical levels and continues to increase in the North Shore, county, and state. School community members must continue to make decisions that maximize consistent and correct risk mitigation both inside and outside school. Of greatest importance are to avoid non-essential close contact with non-household members, to avoid non-essential travel, to wear masks, and to practice physical distancing, both indoors and outdoors.

Be reminded it is essential that students and staff stay home if they feel ill; wash hands often, continue to wear a mask; and be mindful of their physical distance. These strategies will allow the District to maintain an in-person modality option as much as possible throughout the pandemic. Please see a [practical and regularly-updated COVID risk calculator and decision-making app](#) and the [DHS-designed decision guide](#) as references.



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All High School Staff should continue to report to the High School to deliver virtual learning, unless they are under health department quarantine. Further direction to students and staff will come from Principal Amy Levek in the near future. Thank you for your flexibility, understanding and cooperation.

Respectfully,

Dr. John W. Thomsen
Superintendent of Schools

About COVID-19 -- COVID-19 is an illness caused by a new coronavirus. It spreads from person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing or laugh. Most people—especially young people—who get COVID-19 have mild illness, similar to having a cold or the flu. However, in others it can cause severe illness, such as pneumonia. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever (temperature 100.4°F or higher)
- Cough
- Trouble breathing
- Chills
- Muscle/body aches
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

The CDC's website has good information about COVID-19: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Prevent Further Spread -- The following guidelines will help to prevent further spread of illness at our school:

- Notify the school if your child is diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Notify the school if your child had contact with someone who you know was diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Keep students home from school if they are sick.
- Encourage good habits: frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, use of mask or face coverings in public, and staying home as much as possible.
- Continue to encourage your child to practice consistent mask wearing, physical distancing, and hand hygiene at school

For more information on COVID-19, visit the [District COVID-19 FAQ page](#) or the [District COVID -19 Safety & Communications page](#).