



Intermediate School Districts Continue to Lead During the Pandemic

Building on their decades of success, Michigan ISDs have continued to be innovative educational leaders throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. Since March 2020, Michigan's Intermediate School Districts have:



TECHNOLOGY/DATA

- Provided hot spots and wireless Internet access in communities
- Assisted with gathering data on needed devices and internet connectivity
- Coordinated regional device purchasing
- Coordinated expansion of internet connection points
- Evaluated solutions that protect students' online safety and privacy

- Coordinated Emergency Child Care Services
- Assisted with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) distribution
- Coordinated the distribution of KN90 masks to local school districts (MASKS+ for Schools)
- Coordinated distribution of Rapid Antigen Testing supplies to Educators/Staff, Athletes
 - Assisted with food distribution and Pandemic-EBT cards

LOGISTICAL EFFORTS



INSTRUCTION/GUIDANCE

- Instituted a Special Education Instructional Leadership Network (SEILN)
- Coordinated Continuity and Extended Continuity of Learning Plan development
- Continued instructional support efforts including literacy coaching
- Kept schools safely open with face-to-face learning for students with special needs, career and technical education classes and early childhood services
- Supported school-wide mental health initiatives funded through school aid (Sec. 31n)

- Served as a regional communication conduit for health and safety information
- Coordinated health and safety information and communication with local health departments
- Communicated with public and private schools for P-EBT support per MDHHS
- Provided information on ISD and local district vaccine rollouts
- Communicated with MAISA on many COVID-19-related efforts to benefit students and educators across the state



COMMUNICATIONS

During this pandemic, ISDs have become the central point for coordinating information between the schools and health professionals. This has benefited the whole community; allowing for dialogue and a sense of working together.