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Westside Christian Covid-19 Return to School

COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP) and Prevention Plan for In Person Instruction

WCS has numerous health and safety protocols in place in line with the current CDC and local health officials. They include health screenings, physical distancing both on campus and in the classroom, thorough cleaning procedures, and the use of face coverings.

*Protocols are subject to change. We will continue to monitor newly released research and guidelines provided by the CDC, CDPH, and LADH

Healthy Hygiene

Hand washing Instruction: Staff and students will be trained on the CDC's protocols for proper hand washing. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Hand Sanitizers will be readily available in each classroom, office, and entrance to the campus.

Students, Faculty and Staff will be reminded to use tissue to wipe their nose and to cough/sneeze into a tissue and to wash or sanitize hands after.

Face Coverings

Masking is required for anyone entering school buildings. Employees who have contact with others are offered, at no cost, an appropriate face mask that covers the nose and mouth. The mask must be worn by the employee at all times during the workday when indoors and is in contact or likely to come into contact with others. Employees who have been instructed by their medical provider that they should not wear a face mask must wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred. Masks with one-way valves must not be used.

Employees who are exempt from wearing a mask while indoors, must undergo COVID-19 testing at least twice per week, unless the employee provides proof of full vaccination status against COVID19.

All staff must wear a face mask at all times when indoors, except: when working alone in private offices with closed doors; when they are the only individual present in a larger open workspace for multiple employees; or when eating or drinking.

Masks Must be properly worn and cover both nose and mouth.

Physical distancing

Physical distancing is imperative to keeping our campus safe. In keeping in line with the CDC distance requirements will be met by students, staff, faculty and parents. In the classroom students desks will maintain a 3 foot distance between desks.

Cohorts

In Kindergarten-5th grades, Students can be in stable groups that stay together all day with their core teacher. Lunch will take place in the classroom.

Middle school students will be cohorted and travel together in a pod.

Entrance and Departure

Distancing requirements will be in place for students, teachers, and staff members. Signs will serve as a reminder to observe physical distancing and to remain 6 feet apart.

Separate entrance and exits will be in place and clearly marked for entering and exiting campus.

School Supplies

Students will use their own supplies. Supplies will be kept in individual containers along with any personal belongings. Sharing of supplies will not be permitted.

Before School Health Screening

All staff and faculty are required to enter through a designated area where they will engage in a health check. Consisting of a temperature check and a health questioner. Health checks of students will take place before entering campus by a staff member with a no touch thermometer

If Someone Is Sick

If a student, staff member or faculty displays symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness they must remain home and comply with CDC recommendations for staying home when sick and follows isolation/quarantine criteria.

Students, staff and faculty who develop any covid-19 symptoms during the school day will be cared for in the isolation room #105 Parents will be notified immediately and instructed to pick up student. Staff members will be sent home immediately and ordered to follow guidelines. Informational materials will be given to the parents and or staff covering regulations governing self-isolation and links to sites with more information. Once administration is informed of a positive case on campus it will immediately be reported to DPH within 1 business day. A cluster of 3 or more cases will be sent to DPH and they will work with the school to determine if it is an epidemiological link.

Testing

School staff will be tested for in compliance CDPH. Staff and faculty will be tested if they come in contact with an infected student or staff member regardless of their vaccination status. Employees are encouraged to contact their health provider. Free testing is also available at the following.

High Desert Medical Group or at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>

Distance Learning

In accordance with LACHD guidelines, WCS will transition to distance learning if an outbreak occur on campus or if there is a stay at home order put in effect.

Distance learning is also available to any families who prefer this option.

Communication

Cynthia Curry, Principal will communicate to families. It may be in form of email, phone calls, or letters. Cynthia Curry is the designated as the staff liason to DPH

Facility Cleaning

Classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each school day. This includes: disinfecting student & teacher desks, chairs, countertops & sinks, door handles and doors, light switches, and vacuuming.

Common spaces will be thoroughly cleaned after each class use or after visitors/volunteers leave the space.

Drinking fountains are not in service at this time.

Visitors

Visitors will be limited and a visitor sign in log kept for tracing and will be screened before entering.