



2020-21 Westerly School Return to Campus Plan

Overview & Rationale

Westerly School has prepared this document to outline our practices and protocols to facilitate the safety, health, and wellness of the students, families, faculty, and staff participating in on-campus school for the 2020-21 school year. As health experts continue to learn more about COVID-19, this document will be amended accordingly.

Westerly's practices and protocols highlighted in this document are based upon the following rationale:

- Decrease transmission of COVID-19
- Create a culture of safety through partnership with families to protect their child(ren), other children, and faculty/staff
- Community Core Values: Responsibility, Kindness, Adaptability

Dates: Please find important dates for the 2020-21 school year here: bit.ly/westerlycal

Online Learning Option (Virtual Access)

Westerly School will be offering virtual access to Westerly classrooms. Students who participate virtually will be able to access all of their classes and teachers in real time with the exception of Physical Education. There is no difference in cost between our virtual access option and on-campus program. Westerly will work with families who have children with health-related conditions on a case-by-case basis, should they need to switch between on-campus and virtual access, in order to preserve the continuity of instruction, supplies, and the cohort model.

Drop-off

- Prior to morning drop-off, each family must attest that their child is well and does NOT have any of the following conditions:
 - fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
 - If your child displays any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and inform the school.
- Drop-off will be by valet ONLY in the front parking lot of Westerly School.
- **Drivers must remain in their car with masks on** or windows closed to promote physical distancing.
 - Driver must verbally attest that the student(s) are symptom free.
 - Driver should roll down the student's window for their temperature to be taken; **students must wear masks**
- Students must remain in the car until Westerly personnel take their temperatures using non-contact thermometers.
- After the student's temperature is taken, if the temperature is below 100.4°F/38°C, the student may exit the car and enter campus through the marked entry.
- Staggered drop-off times and entrances for students.



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Pick-up

- Pick-up will be by valet ONLY in the front parking lot of Westerly School
- **Drivers must remain in their car with masks on** or windows closed to promote physical distancing.
- Students will be directed to their driver's vehicle by Westerly personnel
- Staggered pick-up times and locations for students.

Snack & Lunch

- Please pack a healthy snack for your child to eat during recess each day.
- You may pack a lunch for your child OR order from [Choice Lunch](#).
- Choice Lunch has new safety protocols in place that will enable families to order the main course and sides ahead of time.
- Systems will be in place to ensure physical distancing when students receive their Choice Lunch orders.
- No outside vendor food deliveries to the campus will be allowed.
- Pizza will not be served on Fridays in the beginning of the school year. An announcement will be made when we are able to resume Pizza Fridays in a safe, physically distanced manner.
- Lunch times will be staggered by grade level and cohort.
- Lunch will take place across campus (beyond the regular lunch areas) to ensure proper physical distancing.

Overview of Logistical Campus Safety Plans

- Restrict campus access to mainly students and employees
- Implement separate campus ingress and egress plans
- Post signage for reminders of safety precautions
- Remove self-service drinking fountain stations (water bottle refill stations will be available)
- Add sanitation stations, including portable hand washing stations and hand sanitizing stations, throughout the campus
- Create isolation areas for sick students/faculty
- Increase the frequency of school facilities sanitization
- Remove non-essential shared objects (sporting equipment, class desktop computers, classroom materials) from shared spaces
- Increase ventilation by opening the classrooms' nano doors when climate permits
- Remove hand dryers in restrooms
- Implement ongoing training of all faculty/staff and provide education for families
 - Enhanced sanitization practices
 - Physical distancing guidelines and their importance
 - Use of face-coverings
 - Screening practices
 - COVID-19 specific symptom identification
- Implement physical distancing, face coverings, hand hygiene, and screening protocols for all faculty and staff on campus



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On-campus Practices for Physical Distancing

- Seating arranged for physical distancing in classrooms
 - Minimum of 6 feet between desks
 - Desks arranged to avoid students sitting face-to-face
- Signage with physical distancing reminders posted in classrooms and shared spaces
- Cohorts restricted to groups of 15
- Student movement reduced (students stay in the same cohorts throughout the day and teachers move to students when required)
- Maximum occupancy of shared spaces reduced (lunch areas, playgrounds)
- Maximum occupancy of spaces with higher risk of exposure reduced (bathrooms)
- One-way traffic patterns created in walking areas and other high-traffic areas (utilizing signage and visual cues)
- Closure/modified use of non-essential shared spaces
- Fewer students and physical distancing in outdoor assemblies
- Suspension of team athletics (until allowed by Long Beach Department of Health)
- Limitation of outside visitors, vendors, and student family members from entering campus
- Limit number of adults congregating in shared communal spaces

On-campus Practices and Protocols for Face Coverings and Hand Hygiene

- Face coverings required and to be worn by all students, teachers, and anyone else on campus.
 - Cloth face mask mandatory for faculty/staff in classrooms and public spaces
 - Cloth face mask mandatory for ALL K-8th Grade students
 - Face shields may be worn IN ADDITION TO cloth face masks
- Hand Washing/sanitizing protocol
 - Hands washed for a minimum of 20 seconds at regular intervals
 - Hand sanitizer provided to students and teachers throughout the campus
 - 3 mL of hand sanitizer used per application'
 - Mandated hand washing/sanitizing for students and teachers before entering campus
 - Mandatory use of hand sanitizer for students and teachers before and after touching shared objects
 - Mandated hand washing after restroom usage
 - Mandated hand washing/sanitizing upon each entry/exit from classroom
 - Mandated hand washing/sanitizing before and after food consumption
 - Mandated hand washing/sanitizing before and after mask wear/removal
 - Signage posted for reminders of best practices for hand hygiene



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Practices and Protocols for Sanitization of Facilities

- Sanitization of the entire campus through surface cleaning with disinfectant wipes before, during, and after the school day
- Use of sanitization fogger as needed
- Bathroom sanitization every 2 hours during the school day
- High touch areas, including door handles and push bar, sanitization every 2 hours during the school day
- Signage with sanitization protocols posted in every classroom
- All sanitizing products utilized are on the EPA approved list of disinfectant cleansers for COVID-19

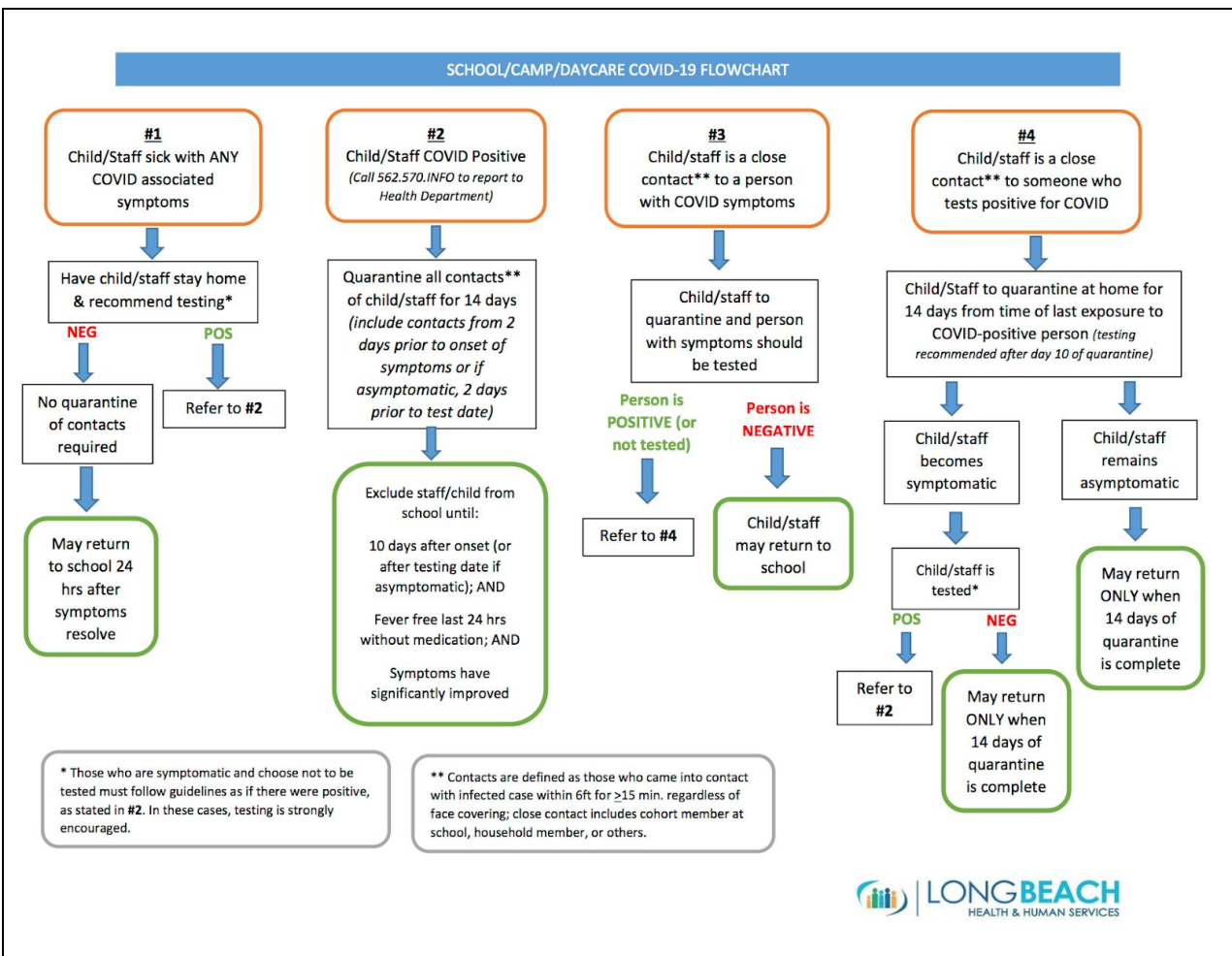
Practices and Protocols for Screening/COVID-related Health Safety

- Community education and partnership to keep sick children at home and communicate to the school if a child has fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Community education regarding influenza vaccinations
- School personnel (while wearing appropriate PPE) will check all faculty/staff temperatures and screen for Covid-related symptoms before allowing entry on campus
- School personnel (while wearing appropriate PPE) check student temperatures before allowing entry on campus
- Return-to-school protocols
 - *Standard return guidelines*
 - Must not have a fever or symptoms for 24 hours (without use of fever reducing medication) AND it has been 10 calendar days since symptoms first appeared
 - OR Physician release to return with alternative diagnosis (e.g. child with known asthma/allergy diagnosis sent home for cough that responded to appropriate treatment)
 - *With COVID-19 positive testing (with symptoms)*
 - No fever for 72 hours (without use of fever reducing medication) AND Symptoms have improved AND 10 calendar days since symptoms first appeared
 - *With COVID-19 positive testing (without symptoms)*
 - Symptom free for 10 calendar days from day of positive test
 - *Self-quarantine following close contact-exposure to a known positive person*
 - If a student or employee has recently had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 (i.e. person in the same cohort/classroom, or within a household) it is recommended that person self-quarantines for 14 days and monitors any development of symptoms. Long Beach Department of Public Health will be notified and will provide guidance for modification as needed.
- Return to school after air travel or travel out of California
 - **Families must advise the school of air travel or travel outside the state**, as this may require a 14-day quarantine after returning home if deemed necessary by public health standards at the time

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At-home Safety Practices

- Morning Health screening (temperature/symptom check)
 - Keep child(ren) at home if they exhibit any symptoms of sickness including, fever 100.4°F/38°C or above, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Face Covering and Hand Hygiene Practices
 - Provide child(ren) with a clean face covering each day of school
 - Practice Hand Hygiene at home
- Ongoing Education
 - Review safety practices daily with your child(ren)
 - Remind child(ren) of physical distancing practices
- Review any symptoms requiring attention of teachers/staff





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References

- [American Academy of Pediatrics: COVID-19 Planning Considerations: Return to In-person Education in Schools](#)
- [California Department of Education: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools](#)
- [California Department of Public Health: COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#)
- [Center for Disease Control: Schools and Day Camps](#)
- [EPA Guidance for Cleaners/Disinfectants](#)
- [Long Beach Department of Health](#)
- [Los Angeles County Schools: A Planning Framework for the 2020-21 School Year](#)
- [World Health Organization Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention and Control In Schools](#)