



# West Valley Christian Academy

## Preschool- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### 2021-2022 COVID-19 Response

*“The foundational principle of this guidance is that all students must have access to safe and full in-person instruction and to as much instructional time as possible.” –CDPH July 12, 2021*

## **Overview**

West Valley Christian Academy maintains our commitment to prioritize the importance of full in-person instruction with a multi-layered approach to the mitigation and prevention of COVID-19 with careful review and implementation of guidance provided by CDC, CDPH, and Cal/OSHA.

## **Factors for Consideration**

Guidance is provided to general populations on a federal, state, and county level. The following considerations are made to determine when and how guidance should be implemented as advised by CDPH:

1. Level of Community Transmission of COVID-19
2. Vaccination Coverage in the Community, Students, Faculty, and Staff
3. Local Outbreak Trends

## **Safety Measures**

### **Vaccination**

WVCA community members are encouraged to explore vaccination options with their personal physician to determine if that is an appropriate prevention strategy with consideration to their personal health history, and eligibility.

### **Masks and Physical Distancing**

Masks are one of the most effective and simplest safety mitigation efforts in the prevention of COVID-19, and reduces the need for physical distancing. (CDPH K-12 Guidance, July 12, 2021) WVCA will continue to provide at least the minimum requirement for 3ft physical distancing with physical barriers inside the K-8 classrooms in addition to maintain stable grouping of students in the Preschool Department. WVCA will always maintain a supply of masks for students and staff. Comfortable accommodations of students, and their personal rights will be prioritized at all times. (Health and Human Services, July Licensing Call July 13, 2021)

### **Ventilation**

WVCA is following the guidance for air filtration to reduce long-range airborne transmission of COVID-19. Staff will find appropriate times for outdoor instruction to extend outdoor times, and open windows while indoors.



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## **Stay Home When Sick**

Pre-screen each student before arrival to school. Stay home if two or more symptoms of COVID-19 are present, with or without a fever. Students cannot return to school until they have met the CDPH criteria for return to school for those symptoms:

- Fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- Other symptoms have improved.
- Have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2 or a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical to a pre-existing underlying condition (e.g. allergies or asthma) OR a health care provider as diagnosed an alternative diagnosis OR at least 10 days have passed since onset of symptoms.

## **Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Personal Materials**

WVCA contracts custodial for nightly cleaning of the facility including bathrooms and kitchen. Employees have been trained in CDC guidance for sanitizing and disinfecting high touch surfaces, and classroom materials like toys and educational manipulatives. Students have personal high use items like pencils, crayons, and markers toddler-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **Case Reporting, Contact Tracing, and Quarantine Recommendations**

WVCA will report any case to the CDPH, and do a contact tracing investigation to determine direct exposures and close contacts. The presence of mask wearing dramatically impacts the quarantine timelines, and can prevent loss of onsite school instruction.

Families of students who have been directly exposed or have become an active COVID-19 case are expected to communicate that exposure/case immediately to the school administration, and to follow quarantine guidance as outlined in the CDPH guidance.