



# Word of Life Christian Academy

## Covid-19 Mitigation Plan

### Face Coverings

- Face coverings are no longer required for students, staff and visitors while in the school building unless one or more apply:
  - A parent's request for their child to continue to wear a mask.
  - Students, staff or visitors are unable to properly social distance.
  - Student or staff recently tested positive, was asymptomatic, and returned to work/school after 5 days, they will be required to wear a mask 5 additional days as recommended by the CDC.
  - There is an outbreak in the building and all classrooms are placed on a quarantine. Anyone identified as a close contact during an outbreak will be required to mask for 5 days following a 5 day quarantine and at administrations discretion universal masking may be mandatory depending on the circumstances of the outbreak.
- WLCA provides face masks for students, staff and visitors upon request.
- WLCA will closely monitor community transmission rate and will adjust the indoor mask policy based on COVID-19 community level as it relates to guidance from the CDC and Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD).

### Promoting Vaccines

- Provide COVID-19 vaccine location per <https://www.vaccines.gov>.
- Offer flexible, paid sick leave options for employees to be vaccinated or who have side effects after vaccination.
- Provide Students and families medically excused absences to receive a COVID-19 vaccination and for possible side effects after vaccination.
- Families are required to fill out a "COVID Waiver" upon registration. This sheet will inquire if their student has been vaccinated or not. If they have, we will request proof of vaccination to be kept on record in our school grading/communication system.
- Staff are required to fill out a "Health Form". This sheet will inquire if the staff member has been vaccinated or not. If they have, we will request proof of vaccination to be kept in a secure binder in the principal's office.

### Physical Distance and Cohorting

- Students who arrive on time will enter through separate entrances 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> north entrance, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> main entrance.
- Staff will maintain a daily seating chart per grade and/or per class.
- Student desks will maintain 3 ft social distancing.
- Students will maintain 3 ft social distancing at all times.

- PreSchool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade will maintain designated cohorts.
- Cohorts are designated by grade (PreSchool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) not vaccine status, age, etc.
  - Staggered bathroom times
  - Lunch is eaten in the classroom
  - Daily schedules are adjusted so cohorts do not intermingle
  - Play equipment is kept in cohort specific containers

### **Ventilation, Cleaning, and Disinfecting**

- Air purifiers in all rooms and areas where students are present.
- Open doors when possible, to increase ventilation.
- All classrooms contain at least 1 bottle of SNHD approved spray sanitizer.
- All classrooms are equipped with disinfecting wipes with extra available upon request.
- Heavy traffic areas are cleaned frequently and throughout the day (ex. bathrooms, door handles, stair rails, etc.).
- Drinking fountains are hands free and only available to refill bottles.
- Nurse's room is thoroughly disinfected after every student.
- Use of shared objects, which is limited, are cleaned between each use.
- Maintenance maintains a nightly fogging of all classrooms to disinfect.
- Upon confirmation of a COVID-19 positive case, students are sent home, the classroom is closed until a deep cleaning is completed.

### **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette**

- Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Maintain signs in bathrooms and around the school reinforcing hand washing and sanitizing etiquette.
- If handwashing is not possible, the use of hand sanitizer containing 70% alcohol is encouraged.
- Hands free hand sanitizer stations are available at every entrance of the building and at the door of each classroom.
- Reinforce covering their mouth and nose with a tissue (or arm/elbow area if tissue is not available) when they cough or sneeze.
- Throw all used tissues in the trash.

### **Staff and Student Self-Assessment and Staying Home when Sick/Getting Tested**

- Parent/guardians will check students at home to rule out fever (100 or above) and/or signs or symptoms of illness prior to departure from home.
- Staff members will check themselves at home to rule out fever (100 or above) and/or signs or symptoms of illness prior to departure from home.
- Before exiting their car (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) students will have their temperature taken by a staff member.
- Upon entrance to the school (PreK, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, staff, parents & visitors) will have their temperature taken by a hands free, freestanding thermometer.

- WLCA will provide students and staff members of community COVID-19 testing sites.
- Students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 during school hours are immediately sent home and parents/guardians are given a “Student Clearance to Return to Class Form”. Students may only return with either a negative COVID test, or the paper signed by a physician stating they may return to school.
- Staff who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 are immediately sent home and referred to a COVID testing facility. They may return with a negative result and/or a clearance from a physician.
- WLCA will maintain confidentiality of results and protect student and staff privacy.
- WLCA will report any new diagnoses of COVID-19 to the SNHD at [schoolcovid@snhd.org](mailto:schoolcovid@snhd.org) and/or call 702-759-1300 as soon as we are informed.

### **Preparing for If Someone Gets Sick or Exposed to COVID-19**

- Advise staff and families of sick students of home isolation criteria.
- Sick staff members or students shall not return until they have met CDC’s criteria to discontinue home isolation (normally 5 days after a positive test and is asymptomatic or from first day of symptoms, 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication, symptoms have improved, or you receive a negative test). Home testing not allowed.
  - Shortened Isolation (5 days)-If the criteria above is met, students and staff may return after the 5 day isolation period. The affected individual MUST wear a mask for 5 days upon return. Please see the following link for current CDC guidance regarding isolation and quarantine: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>
- Make sure that staff and families know that they (staff) or their children (families) should not come to school, and that they should notify school officials if they (staff) or their children (families) become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.
- If a positive case of COVID-19 is reported in the school and the student or staff was in contact with other students or staff, all parents of anyone exposed are immediately called to pick up their student and begin a 5 day quarantine. Complete cohorts/classes will be quarantined. Families will be notified to be vigilant of signs and symptoms and if their student shows any signs, to have their student tested or taken to a physician. Positive COVID-19 tests will need to be reported to school officials. A mask will be required upon return for 5 days following the mandatory quarantine.
- WLCA will continue to close/quarantine cohorts and/or grades with an active COVID-19 exposure in the classroom. The SNHD will be given all contact information of everyone affected.
- If a confirmed exposure to a positive case of COVID-19 is reported and the student or staff is in the building, they will be immediately sent to the nurse’s room for isolation (student) or sent home (staff), and parents/guardians will be called to pick up the student and begin the isolation period. Families will be notified, to the extent allowable by

applicable privacy laws, that there has been a secondary exposure in the class and or building and to be vigilant of signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If their student shows any signs, to have their student tested or taken to a physician. Positive COVID-19 tests will need to be reported to school officials.

- WLCA will report any new diagnoses of COVID-19 to the local health department as soon as we are informed. School officials will notify, to the extent allowable by applicable privacy laws, teachers, staff and families of students who were close contacts as soon as possible-within 24 hours after we are notified, that someone in the school has tested positive.

### **School Wide Outbreaks**

- In accordance with the current SNHD guidelines, WLCA identifies an outbreak as 2 or more unrelated positive COVID-19 cases in the same cohorts.
- Notification of an outbreak will be made via direct phone calls to parent/guardians, email and Remind.
- Once an outbreak has been declared, we will immediately implement our Emergency Response Plan and deep cleaning of the building will take place.
- The outbreak will be closely monitored and all affected cohorts/grades will be placed on isolation.
- Affected cohorts/classes will be placed on distance learning until the quarantine period is over.
- WLCA will report any new diagnoses of COVID-19 to the SNHD via email to [schoolcovid@snhd.org](mailto:schoolcovid@snhd.org) and/or 702-759-1300 as soon as we are informed.