COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN
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I. INTRODUCTION

On August 28, 2020, the Governor’s office issued the Blueprint for a Safer Economy (“Blueprint”), which categorizes counties into four color-coded tiers based on COVID-19 transmission. Under the Blueprint, schools within a county in the most restrictive purple tier are not permitted to open for in-person instruction. On October 13, 2020, Kern County officially transitioned into the less-restrictive red tier. After a two-week mandatory waiting period, schools within Kern County may open for in-person instruction as of October 28, 2020.

Wonderful College Prep Academy (“WCPA”) has been carefully considering the safety and individualized needs of students and staff in creating reopening plans to begin returning students to in-person instruction when it is safe to do so.

In order to return students to in-person instruction, WCPA is committed to effectively implementing the protocols in this COVID-19 Safety Plan, in order to ensure the safety of all those on campus and the greater communities which our schools serve. This plan was developed following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”), the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), the California Department of Public Health, (“CDPH”) the Kern County Department of Public Health, and additional federal, state and local authorities and experts.

This plan includes multi-layered health and safety strategies. These strategies include: social distancing measures, face coverings and personal protective equipment provided by WCPA to all students and staff, the redesign of classrooms, the installation of plexi-glass dividers to separate students, temperature checks and wellness screenings for anyone entering campus, enhanced cleaning and sanitization measures, contact tracing, and COVID-19 testing.

This plan is based on the most current information known to date. The current health situation in Kern County continues to evolve and WCPA continues to work closely with local health authorities. The health and safety policies and protocols in this plan will be updated frequently to implement the most up-to-date safety requirements and guidance.

II. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

A. Small Stable Cohorts

WCPA will initially return students to classroom-based learning in small stable cohorts. To the extent feasible, students will be required to stay in their cohorts at all times and will not mix with other cohorts.
B. Entrance, Egress, Movement within the Site, and Physical Distancing

Entrance, egress and movement throughout the school facilities will be conducted in a way to ensure a minimum of six feet of physical distancing among students and staff at all times.

Cohorts will be separated by staggered arrival, departure and transitions. Families will be provided with designated pick-up and drop-off locations. Students and staff will enter and exit campus at designated entrances.

WCPA will employ physical distancing strategies in all outdoor and indoor areas. Each student’s desk will be fitted with a custom plexiglass divider creating a fully transparent physical barrier on three sides of each student. All desks will be spaced to maximize physical distancing between desks. Student desks will be spaced at least six feet apart from staff desks.

Signs will be posted throughout the campus to remind staff and students to distance at least six feet and to refrain from congregating. Traffic patterns will be mapped throughout the campus. Transitions will be limited to arrival, restroom breaks, outdoor activity, and departure. In areas where a line is likely to form, markings and signage will indicate six feet of physical distancing.

C. Face Coverings and PPE

All students and staff will be required to wear a face covering at all times. The only exception is when students or staff are eating or drinking in designated areas or when staff are by themselves in an enclosed area (such as an office).

WCPA will provide every student and staff member with face coverings. Families and staff will receive training on how to properly use and clean face coverings. Families of children who are unable to wear a cloth or disposable face covering due to a medical condition will be asked to contact the Director of Student Services so that appropriate arrangements may be made. Students who refuse to wear face coverings will be excluded from the in-person program.

Staff will also be provided with other personal protective equipment as may be appropriate for his or her specific job function. This may include, but not be limited to, face shields and gloves.

D. Daily Health Screenings of Students and Staff

Families are required to conduct a daily health screening of their child prior to taking their child to school. Families should screen for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and may not send a sick child to school.

Staff must also conduct a daily wellness self-assessment to screen for symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Staff may not come to work sick.
WCPA will conduct temperature and symptom screenings of all children and staff before entering the facilities. Temperature screenings will be conducted with a “no touch” infrared thermometer and in accordance with all applicable safety and privacy guidelines. Any individual with a temperature at or above 100.4 Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius or who is exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, will not be permitted on site.

E. Healthy Hygiene Practices

Hand sanitizing stations and foot sanitizing baths have been placed throughout the facilities. Children and staff will be required to wash their hands upon entering campus, and frequently throughout the day.

Hygiene best practices will be visually posted throughout the campus and staff will provide additional reminders to students throughout the day.

Students and staff will be encouraged to scrub with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not accessible. Students and staff will be encouraged to wash hands when: arriving and leaving home; arriving at and leaving the campus; after playing outside; after having close contact with others; after using shared surfaces or tools; before and after using the restroom; after blowing their nose, coughing, and sneezing; and before and after eating or preparing foods. Students and staff will be encouraged to refrain from touching their faces or face coverings.

F. Campus Sanitation and Cleaning Procedures

WCPA will implement enhanced daily cleaning and sanitizing in compliance with federal, state and local health guidelines. WCPA will deep clean and sanitize each classroom at the end of each day. Each classroom will also be equipped with dedicated cleaning supplies. WCPA will sanitize and clean frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles or sink handles, multiple times throughout the day.

G. Meals

Healthy meals will be served to students. In light of COVID-19, staff will carefully prepare and individually package healthy meals to be safely provided to each student within his or her classroom. To comply with social distancing guidelines, students will be strategically structured at mealtimes to observe all health recommendations.

H. Bus Transportation

All families participating in bus transportation will be required to conduct a daily health screening of their child prior to taking their child to the appropriate bus stop. Students will be physically distanced on buses and seats will be marked with spaces where students are permitted to sit.
Buses will be cleaned and sanitized in compliance with CDC and CDPH health and safety guidelines after each trip.

I. Parents and Campus Visitors

In order to minimize any potential transmission of COVID-19, parents and visitors will not be permitted on campus. However, related service providers and vendors will be provided access in compliance with WCPA’s updated safety protocols.

J. COVID-19 Case and Contact Management

1. Isolation of sick students and removal of sick staff

In addition to temperature screenings, students and staff will be monitored throughout the day for potential symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Students who develop symptoms of COVID-19 will be separated from others right away. WCPA has designated “isolation” areas on campus specifically for symptomatic students. Students will be asked to wait in these areas until a parent or guardian can pick them up. Staff who are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be asked to go home.

2. Reporting of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infections

Staff and parents or guardians of students must immediately report suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infections to WCPA. Parents or guardians should contact the Director of Student Services. Staff should contact the Director of Human Resources.

3. Contact tracing in collaboration with Kern County Department of Health

In the event of a positive case and/or possible exposure, designated WCPA staff will immediately contact the Kern County Department of Health to seek assistance in responding to the case, including but not limited to, contact tracing and exclusion of exposed individuals.

4. Quarantine of sick students and staff in compliance with CDC guidelines

Sick staff members and students may not return to the facility unless:
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, AND
- At least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without use of fever-reducing medications), AND
- Other symptoms have improved.
5. Identifying exposed students or staff

When a case is reported, all students and staff who were potentially exposed to the case while he or she was infectious will be identified as soon as possible. (Exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of an infectious case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Cases are considered infectious for 48 hours before symptom onset, or if asymptomatic, for 48 hours before date of positive test.) In consultation with the Kern County Health Department, an entire cohort may be excluded and required to quarantine if a case is reported within the cohort. In consultation with the Kern County Health Department, the exposed students or staff will be notified and required to quarantine for 14 days from their last exposure to the infectious case, regardless of whether they subsequently have a negative COVID-19 test. The school community will be notified about a positive case. The room and primary areas where the COVID positive individual spent significant time will be sanitized and cleaned.

Students or staff who have been exposed to COVID-19 outside of school, will be excluded from the school facility. They will be required to quarantine at home for 14 days after their last exposure to the infectious case, regardless of whether they subsequently have a negative COVID-19 test.

6. Students or Staff Who Test Negative After Symptoms

Students or staff who test negative after possible COVID-19 symptoms may return to school three days after symptoms resolve.

K. COVID-19 Testing

WCPA recognizes the importance of testing to its overall health and safety strategy. WCPA will provide COVID-19 testing to staff periodically, as testing capacity permits and as practicable. CDPH recommends a minimum frequency of testing all staff over 2 months, where 25% of staff are tested every 2 weeks, or 50% every month to rotate testing of all staff over time. At minimum, WCPA will comply with this testing frequency as feasible, but may test staff more frequently based on feasibility, COVID transmission rates in the community and Kern County, and other factors. Additionally, WCPA’s partner health clinics will have free COVID-19 testing available to all students.

L. Possible Facility Closure

Closure of the facility for a 14-day period will be considered in consultation with the Kern County Department of Health if cases have been identified in multiple cohorts or if at least 5% of the children and staff at the facility have tested positive within a 14-day period.
M. Staff and Family Training and Education

Staff will be trained in all applicable health and safety protocols, including, but not limited to, COVID-19 safety; the worksite-specific COVID-19 prevention plan; proper use and cleaning of face coverings and PPE; COVID-19 case and exposure management; and healthy hygiene practices. Students and families will be provided with easily understood written materials explaining COVID-19 health and safety protocols, including but not limited to the following topics: not sending sick children to school; wearing and cleaning face coverings; conducting symptoms checks; proper handwashing and hygiene; and when to report a positive case or possible exposure. Staff will encourage and remind students throughout the day to practice healthy hygiene and physical distancing.

N. Ongoing Monitoring and Collaboration with Local Health Authorities

WCPA has designated staff to regularly monitor and communicate with local health authorities regarding COVID-19 cases, exposures, hospitalizations, and any other relevant metrics that may require a change in school operations. In the event of an elevated number of cases in the community or in the event of presumed or confirmed cases directly impacting WCPA’s schools, WCPA will work closely with the Kern County Health Department to implement all necessary health and safety protocols, such as a short-term closure of a portion of WCPA’s facilities or a longer-term closure as a result of a county or state stay-at-home order.