

# White Pine Charter School District

*"Success for Every Student"*

**Elementary School**  
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## COVID-19 Response Plan

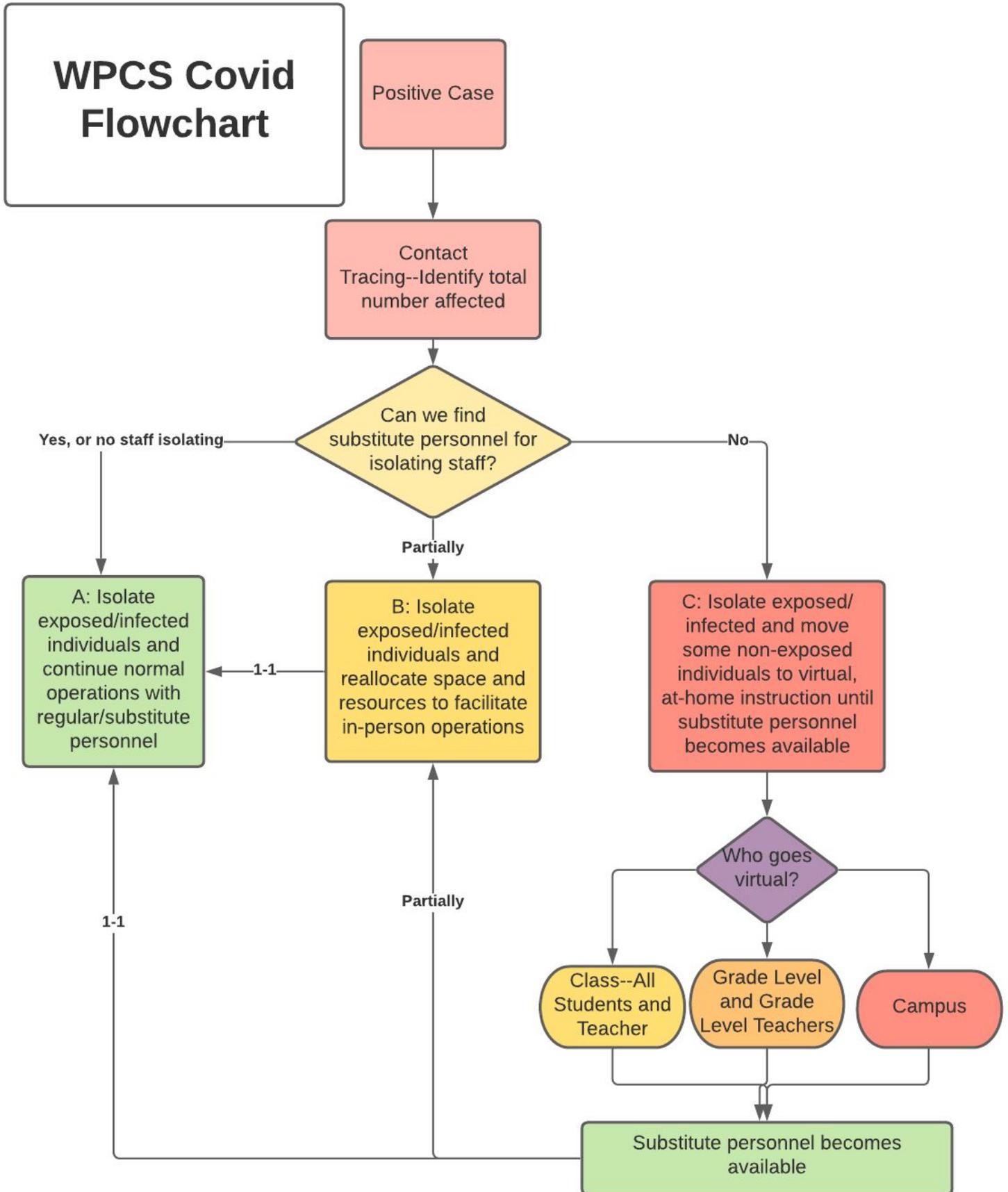
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The Coronavirus challenges our "normal" school life. The options we have developed for both White Pine Charter Elementary School and STEM Academy have evolved using the preliminary input of parents, professionals across several states, teachers, and community members.

## **SECTION I: WPCS COVID Decision FlowChart**

The main goal is for WPCS to remain in 4-day, in-person operations as much as possible. If this plan is to work, we will need to be very aggressive in our attention to preventative measures. The school will not hesitate to ask exposed or individuals suspected to be ill to isolate.

The following chart represents the general scenarios that may result in students receiving virtual instruction or teachers delivering virtual instruction.



**A: Business as usual**

The school will always strive to satisfy this option.

**B: Temporary Reorganization**

Classes, cohorts, grade levels, or campuses may be reorganized to facilitate in-school instruction. An example may involve isolating staff providing virtual instruction or sub-plans while students would complete their work in-person at school with other staff facilitating this. The school will contact affected families. Depending on the situation, parents may be encouraged to keep children home to help with numbers, assuming this does not cause undue hardship on the family.

**C: Targeted Closure**

This represents the only scenario in which non-infected/exposed individuals may be required to stay home. This is a last resort. If this is the decision of the school, it will almost always reflect a lack of substitute teachers, and will be reversed ASAP.

Decisions regarding who goes virtual will be based on efforts to affect as few stakeholders as possible. All decisions to go virtual represent a last resort and are subject to reversal as soon as sufficient relief personnel become available.

**Special Considerations for “At-Risk” Students:**

Students who are identified as at-risk may be identified as needing to attend school in person more frequently. At-risk students will be determined and approved on a case by case basis by the **leadership team** in conjunction with the educational professionals involved. Parents may also request this service. If offered, these students would be eligible to attend school on virtual Mondays.

**Positive Covid-19 Test Result**

Any individual who tests positive for Covid-19 shall inform their campus' administrator immediately.

- Ken Graham for White Pine Charter School Elementary
  - Devan Tyler for White Pine STEM Academy
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## **SECTION II: Enhanced Safety Precautions and Procedures\***

### **A: Within the School Building**

The following is a detailed list of the enhanced safety measures the school intends to take to minimize the risk of infection.

#### Disinfecting:

- Students will wash hands regularly
  - Elementary students will wash hands upon the arrival to school/classroom, after morning recess, before lunch, after lunch recess, after afternoon recess, or during a mid-afternoon break.
  - Secondary students will wash/sanitize hands as they transition in and out of classes and buildings.
  - Both schools will provide frequent education and encouragement of proper handwashing procedures.
- Classrooms will be “misted” w/ disinfecting solution during transitions. This includes doorknobs, handles, and light switches.
- Common area door knobs, handles, and light switches will be sprayed with disinfectant or wiped down periodically throughout the day.
- Classrooms will be thoroughly disinfected nightly in preparation for the transitions of student cohorts
- Teachers will disinfect student areas as frequently as possible, using supplies such as alcohol spray, disinfectant wipes, cleaning solutions, and whatever else can be provided.
  - Students will be asked to assist with these efforts when appropriate and safe.
- More custodial hours will be designated for cleaning and disinfecting to ensure a clean and safe environment for the students and staff.
  - Students and staff will be asked to assist in keeping the classrooms and other areas safe and sanitary.
- Air purification systems have been installed on all district HVAC systems to improve ventilation.

#### Electronic Learning Devices

- While on-site, students will be assigned an electronic learning device
  - Devices will be included in the disinfection process.
- Devices will not be shared between students.

## Personal Protective Equipment

- All teachers will be required to wear PPE (face mask, shield, etc.) when interacting with students indoors and in close proximity.
- Face coverings are required; students can wear any color/design as long as they are school appropriate and not display anything related to violence, drugs, alcohol, etc.
  - Students and staff will be given guidance regarding expectations for face coverings using the district wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) framework and matrices located throughout each building. School personnel will encourage students to wear face coverings through these positive reminders and rewards.
  - Teachers will encourage students to practice proper masking/face covering procedures when inside or when physical distancing is impossible outside.
 

**Masks/face coverings are expected to be worn at all times when indoors unless an individual has a note from a doctor.**
  - The district will send out regular reminders and information about proper face covering and mask designs, care, and wear.

## Symptom Screening

- Upon arrival at school, all students, personnel, and visitors will have their temperatures checked. Individuals with temperatures of 100.4 or higher will be **required** to leave.
- Individuals complaining of symptoms will need to leave school. Students' parents will be called promptly in this case, and students will be isolated in a predetermined location.
- Individuals with a cough will need to present official medical documentation in order to return to school.

## Physical Distancing

- School personnel will make efforts to encourage students to practice physical distancing when appropriate.
- While the weather permits, teachers will be encouraged to plan frequent outdoor activities to allow for greater physical distancing and fresh air.
- The school will continue to research and deploy creative approaches to minimize the risk of infection.

## Playground and Outdoor Areas

- Outdoors is one of the safer areas of the school, and students will be allowed outside for fresh air with access to the playground. Additional cleaning will be done nightly on equipment.

\*It is important to note that these precautions and subsequent procedures constitute a “baseline” as we prepare for returning to school. As improved and/or additional tactics become available, the school will update plans and procedures.

## **B: Transportation**

### Parent Drop-Off

Transportation by personal vehicle is likely the majority of our transported students. Parents are responsible to check their children's temperature before allowing them to exit the car. Additionally, parents are to keep children home who have signs of a cough, sore throat, runny eyes, or other sensory symptoms even if there is no temperature. Parents are not to arrive early as there is no supervision for students until:

- Elementary School: 8:15
- Middle/High School: 8:00

### **Bus Expectations:**

- Parents will take their children's temperature prior to allowing them to travel on the bus. Children with cough, sore throat, runny eyes, or other sensory symptoms, etc. are kept home even if there is no temperature.
- Parents are also expected to make sure their student(s) have a face-covering.
- Seats will be assigned on a chart to facilitate coordinated loading/unloading with families sitting together.
- Airflow throughout the bus may be increased by opening roof hatches and selected windows when not too cold.

## **C: During Breakfast/Lunch Service:**

### Elementary School Options:

- Breakfast will continue to be available for all students and seating will be arranged to ensure physical distancing.
- The cafeteria will be divided into two sections with staggered lunchtimes to accommodate distancing and disinfecting procedures.
  - Each grade level will eat for 15 minutes and then be dismissed for recess.
    - Grade levels will not overlap within the lunchroom.
  - While one cafeteria section is being used for lunch, the other will be disinfected to allow the next grade level to enter at their designated time. This rotation process will repeat until all grade levels have eaten lunch.

### STEM Academy (MS/HS)

- MS/HS students rotate through two lunches with staggered start times to accommodate physical distancing including staggered seating.
- The school will identify alternative venues for students to eat lunch if/when physical distancing becomes impossible in the cafeteria. This could include teachers' classrooms or the media center.

## SECTION III: CLASS CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

### Online Delivery of Instruction

The school district will have electronic learning devices available for checkout at each site.

### White Pine Elementary

WPCS is a Standards-Based Learning environment which means the learning is established on the premise that students achieve a high level of understanding in a given subject at their own pace and can move on as soon as mastery is demonstrated.

- Teachers will use Google Classroom as their hub for all resources.
  - From each teacher's individual Google Classroom site students will be able to access all necessary resources.
- Curricular instruction will continue to originate from the following:
  - Core Knowledge Language Arts and Amplify ELA
  - Bridges Mathematics and Illustrative Mathematics
  - Core Knowledge sequence to include science, social studies, and "specials" classes
- Teachers will utilize videos for direct instruction and review of information.
- When in Phase 3 teachers will be expected to hold office hours for two hours a day to provide students and families assistance as needed.

### White Pine STEM Academy Implementation

The middle school and high school site online classes and class resources are planned for all students whether totally online or part online and part face to face in the building.

- The STEM Academy will implement the "Summit Learning Program" which features extensive online learning resources.
- Summit Learning requires students to onboard information including parent contact before implementation.
- Parent and student training meetings with physical distancing or by Zoom will be provided to assist in the implementation of Summit to ensure a smooth transition for the STEM Academy students and their parents in August 2020.
- This will need to take place prior to students attending classes and may delay the actual start date for instruction.

## SECTION IV: Additional Health Measures

### Displaying of Symptoms

#### Fever

- Students who have a recorded temperature of at least 100.4 over two consecutive readings upon arrival at school will be quarantined in an identified room within the building under the supervision of a staff member.
- Students who have a recorded temperature of at least 100.4 over two consecutive readings during the school day will be placed in an identified space under the supervision of a staff member.
- Parents/guardians will be notified immediately to pick the student up from school within 20-30 minutes of initial phone contact.
  - If parent/guardian cannot be reached the school will move to contact the listed emergency contacts
- Staff members who exhibit a recorded fever of 100.4 over two consecutive readings upon arrival or throughout the school day will be required to leave campus immediately.

In order to return to school or work, individuals **must provide official medical documentation indicating they are released to return to school or work.**

#### Additional Symptoms

Individuals experiencing additional symptoms identified by the CDC and/or local health authority will do the following:

- Students should report symptoms to the nearest staff member.
- Students will be isolated in an identified room.
- Parents/guardians will be notified immediately to pick the student up from school within 20-30 minutes of initial phone contact.
  - If parent/guardian cannot be reached the school will move to contact the listed emergency contacts
- Staff members will be required to leave immediately.

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Further specifics are being explored and subject to legal review. Plans are subject to change based on recommendations from local health officials.

Our goal is to provide the best education for students in the safest school environment for both students and staff during this difficult time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for working with us to bring success to our White Pine Cougars!