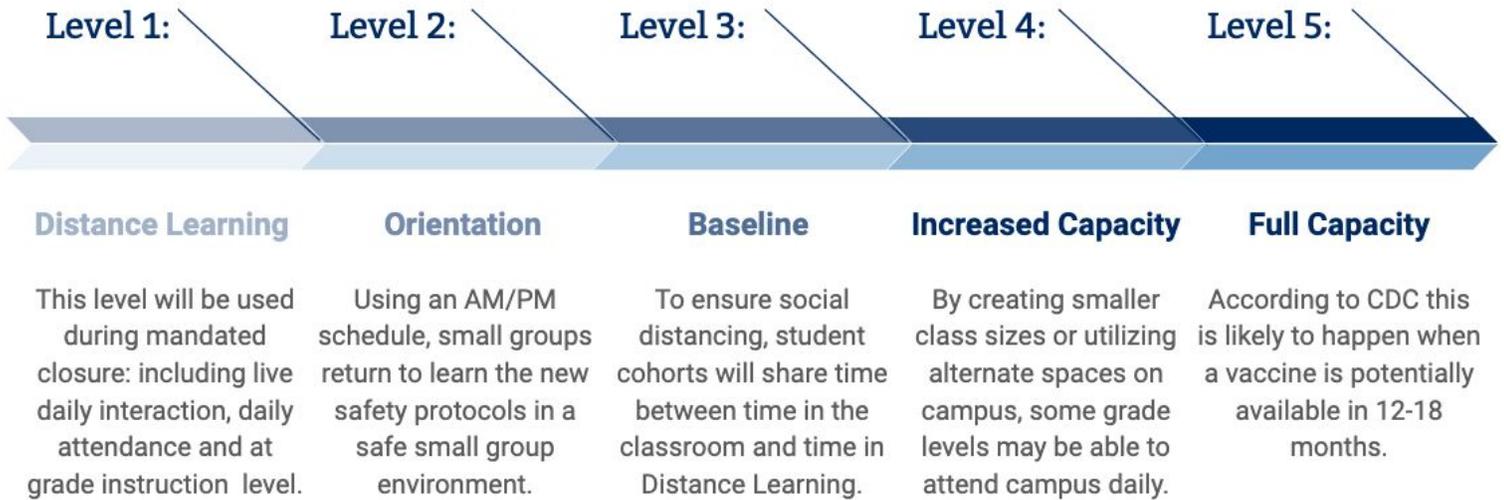


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Westlake Charter is committed to following the guidelines of health professionals to protect the health and safety of our students, staff and community.



In response to shifts in capacity and information, WCS is prepared to serve our community through each of these five levels. Our goal is to get every student back on campus everyday as quickly as possible following all health and safety guidelines.

ON CAMPUS AND IN THE CLASSROOM



In collaboration with public health officials, Westlake Charter School is developing protocols, practices and procedures to protect the health and safety of our students, staff and families.



- Modifying school schedules
- Limiting visitors on campus
- Starting with students in smaller cohorts
- Option to stay in Distance Learning



- Daily health screening for staff & students
- Following disinfection guidelines
- Prioritizing hygiene lessons



- Serving meals in small group
- Spacing classroom furniture to keep 6' distance between students



- Following guidelines for face coverings for staff and students
- Eliminating large gatherings

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Distance Learning

Level 1

Families have the option to select Distance Learning in the fall and still remain attached to a classroom. Your classroom will have a seat waiting when your family is ready to return. If local health officials call for the closure of our school we will be prepared to launch our revised distance learning plans school-wide including increased daily engagement through a mix of digital and physical content.

Orientation

Level 2

After the traumatic experiences of forced school closures and shelter in place, we believe a period of orientation will be important to re-acclimate our community back to school. In the upper grades it may take less time than in the lower grades for all our students to learn the new safety procedures for school. During this period, we would like to bring students back in small groups, to ensure each student gets the individual attention needed to feel safe.

Baseline

Level 3

Once a grade level has ensured that the orientation goals have been met, students will alternate between on campus days and distance learning days. While this is not ideal, this will help WCS meet the recommendation of public health officials to ensure 6' of social distancing.

Increased Capacity

Level 4

If a grade level can be regrouped into smaller class sizes, or alternate locations can be developed on campus, so that all students can meet social distancing guidelines, then a grade level may return to school daily. WCS will strive to increase capacity, starting with our youngest students who we believe will struggle most with Distance Learning.

Full Capacity

Level 5

According to the CDC, this is likely to happen when a vaccine is potentially available in 12-18 months

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Health Screening

Students and Staff

- Home screening for symptoms
- Verbal health screen upon gate entry
- Temperature check at the classroom
- Hand washing upon entry to campus and throughout the day

Prioritizing Hygiene

- Teach & reinforce regular hand washing and sanitizing practices
- Health guidelines indicate that face coverings should be worn by staff and students and are most essential when physical distancing is difficult
- Individual student supplies

Scheduling

- Staggered arrival
- Staggered lunch and recesses
- Minimizing mixing of classes
- Maximizing use of outdoor space
- Orientation period to teach and adjust to new protocols

Distance Learning

- Daily attendance
- Daily live interaction with staff and classmates
- Students learn at the same pace as students in class
- Monitoring progress on standards and report cards