



### **Woodbury Leadership Academy Charter School Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services**

The purpose of the Safe to Return plan is to describe in its plan under section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services including how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

#### **Universal and correct wearing of masks**

We expect that masking will remain optional for staff and students at WLA. However, we will be meeting with representatives from the MN Department of Health in early August for their recommendations.

#### **Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)**

Students/staff will be encouraged to physically distance when possible in the classroom settings. Students/staff will be strongly encouraged to follow the 'one-way' flow of student movement in the hallways. When feasible, in classrooms and the cafeteria, students will be socially distanced.

#### **Handwashing and respiratory etiquette**

Students and staff are encouraged to wash their hands prior to eating, after use of the restroom and after coughing/sneezing. Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom, the cafeteria and in the general use areas of the school. Students and staff are encouraged to cover their cough and to cough/sneeze into their elbow. Proper handwashing hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be shared with students and staff. Posters/signage with these reminders will be placed at the appropriate locations.

#### **Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation**

High frequency touch areas will be cleaned/sanitized throughout the day and as needed.

Daily school cleaning measures will remain in place. Ventilation systems were upgraded in 2020. These systems will continue to be monitored and maintained according to the service provider's recommendations.

**Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and/or local health departments**

The MDH recommended COVID Decision Tree for Schools will be followed when the school is notified of a positive COVID-19 case. Contact tracing, according to the MDH guidelines will take place when the positive case may have exposed students/staff.

**Diagnostic and screening testing and vaccinations**

WLA will hold staff testing events every two weeks on the assigned day for unvaccinated staff. Staff participation is optional.

As it is available/shared with us, WLA will share vaccination information with families.

**Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies**

Accommodations such as face shields, etc. will be allowed for students with disabilities. When working closely with unvaccinated students who are unable to mask or wear a face-shield, staff will be strongly recommended to mask and practice social distancing when possible.

**Coordination with State and local health officials**

WLA will continue to work with state and local officials in the areas of staff/student testing events as well as notification of and contact tracing in the event of a positive COVID-19 case.

**Ensuring continuity of services**

WLA will implement contingency learning plans (hybrid/online) for all students if required by state and/or local health officials. These plans may involve limited time onsite at school and/or virtual learning. These learning plans will address students' academic needs as well as respond to students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs as they may arise and /or as the school is notified of specific needs.