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Dear WCA Families,

With the recent surge of cases in Marin and across the state, along with the [announcement](#) that the “stay-at-home order” will take effect in Marin beginning on Tuesday, Willow Creek Academy is choosing to take a proactive approach to keeping all of our staff, families and students safe. In line with a number of schools within the county and across the state, Willow Creek will remain in “distance learning only” through January 11th. This will provide more consistent instruction for all students over the course of the next few weeks, and ultimately will allow for a safer reopening after the holiday season.

The one exception to on-campus instruction will be for those students who were part of our original Marin City Learning Hub. Families whose students were participating in the Learning Hub will receive a separate communication with further instructions.

Over the past few months, WCA had increased the number of students on campus up to 25% (approximately 90 students). Upon our return to campus in January, additional health, safety, and staffing measures will be put into place to allow not only for the return of our current cohorts, but should allow for us to increase the current number of students by up to 25% by the end of January.

Re-Entry Plan for WCA

We ask that you and your family take the needed precautions according to the below schedule:

- **December 7 - 18:** Distance learning only with early release at 12:00PM on December 18th (pick-up meal service will be available)

- **December 21 - Jan 4:** Winter break (no school): please avoid all non-essential travel, as per the Governor’s directive. If you do need to travel, return to Marin by January 1st and quarantine for 10 days or get a COVID test after 5 days from the date of return.

- **Jan 4:** Please do not introduce any new members into your social bubble after this date

- **Jan 5-8:** School-wide distance learning week (meal service will resume as normal)

- **Jan 11:** Resume in-person instruction (current cohorts only) provided that Marin County is not under a “stay-at-home” order

COVID-19 testing for staff will be provided on campus Thursday, January 7th.

As per the CDC, please be reminded that gatherings and/or other activities can put your family at higher risk for exposure to COVID-19. Please review the CDC’s guidance on assessing your family’s [risks](#) and factors to consider for [daily activities](#).

If your family participates in a high risk activity, or you think that your family may have been exposed to COVID-19 we strongly encourage taking these next steps:

Consult with your physician about getting your family tested for COVID-19 prior to returning to campus. COVID-19 symptoms generally appear within 2 – 14 days of exposure. Your physician will discuss the correct timing of testing based on your potential exposure. Typically the first of the COVID-19 tests should be taken 5 days into the quarantine period after your return home and the second should be taken no more than 72 hours later.

We recognize that this may not have been the update you were hoping for, and on behalf of the teachers and staff of Willow Creek Academy, we thank you for your continued support, patience and flexibility. You can expect another communication prior to the winter vacation regarding our post Jan 11th reopening plans.

Emily