



COVID SAFETY MEASURES

We at California Weekly Explorer are hopeful and expectant for our young learners to be back to in-person education in the 2021/2022 school year! We know the challenges of the past year have been a struggle for everyone and we congratulate you for your perseverance! Families and teachers alike have given tirelessly to provide a valuable learning experience to children. We were so happy to be able to provide the interactive virtual experience for our kids to give them something of “normalcy” and fun! Though we will continue to offer these fun interactive virtual experiences, we are also thrilled to be back in-person! We have greatly missed being able to see your faces in person!

We hope that you are able to welcome us back! To help with that decision, we are providing our plans for how we can safely conduct in-person Walk Through presentations! As always, the safety of students, school staff, and our presenters will be of utmost importance. The measures addressed below can be adjusted depending on the unique situation of each school and in consideration of the most recent guidelines provided by the CDC. Please contact our office with any questions or adjustment requests.

All Presentations

We are reminding our employees about frequent hand washing and are providing sanitizing cleaners for the regular cleaning and disinfecting of all presentation equipment. Most importantly, we are asking our presenters to stay home from work if they feel sick and to quarantine for 14 days. This could mean a last minute cancellation of a presentation. If so, we will do our best to re-schedule within a decent timeframe.

- The room utilized must be large enough to provide a distance of 6 feet between the presenter and students at all times. We will consider allowing the presentation to take place outdoors should certain requirements be met (proper overhead covering, access to electrical outlet etc.)
- Presenters will arrive to campus wearing a mask or shield and will continue wearing a mask or shield in accordance with the school policy. Please let us know if a mask is required over a shield.

- It has been a long time policy of CWE that presenters are not in a room with students without a school representative in attendance. This will be strongly implemented. Presenters will arrive up to 60 minutes prior to the first presentation to set up equipment.
- We ask that there be no other groups in the same room throughout the time our presenter is in attendance, including during set-up and break-down of equipment.
- The chairs for the students will be set-up in our standard U-shape format. Should your school require social distancing of students, chairs would need to be set 4-6 feet apart. This will require a very large space or outdoor area and is up to each school if this is needed.
- Should audience members be invited, face masks or shields will be required and a social distance from presenter of 6 feet maintained at all times.
- The presenter will maintain social distancing while greeting students and throughout the presentation.
- The display will be set up at least 6 feet or more from the start of the student chairs.
- The presenter will continue to use a headset or handheld microphone for amplified voice. The presenter will provide a microphone for student use should the school policy allow and provide anti-bac for students to use before and after use. The presenter will also sanitize the microphone between student use.
- Team cheers can be modified to prevent yelling. Please let us know beforehand if this is required.
- All student speaking parts will take place 6 feet or more away from presenter. If you need students to maintain 6 feet from each other, please let us know and we will be sure to bring up only one student at a time.

Walk Through California modifications

- Students will be called up one at a time to recite assigned cards rather than in groups unless otherwise authorized by the teacher.
- Flags will be shown by the presenter, but students will not be coming up to hold them.
- We will be using students to play different historical characters (Chumash Indian, Cabrillo, Father Serra) but we will not provide costume pieces or props unless asked to do so. Your presenter will pick students from the

audience by tapping on the shoulder while students are in time machine position. If this is not permitted the teacher will need to pick the students and let the presenter know prior to the presentation.

- We will no longer be providing the Russian love story as a part of Walk Through California as we will be unable to keep the social distancing required for this story. This can only be presented by special request.
- The Mexican Fiesta will be adjusted to not include musical instruments but maintain the dancing portion of students.
- The Hoe Down during the Gold Rush story will be eliminated unless otherwise requested.
- During the map section presenters will be showing each map piece and handing the associated clues to students. Hand sanitizer will be available for students to use after placing clues on the map and clues will be sanitized at the conclusion of each presentation.
- All prop pieces or display items touched by students will be sanitized upon completion of the presentation.

Walk Through Revolution modifications

- Students will be called up one at a time to recite assigned cards rather than in groups unless otherwise authorized by the teacher.
- Flags will still be shown by the presenter, but students will not be coming up to hold them.
- Presenter will no longer be providing a toy sword, toy muskets, or stick pony unless otherwise requested. It will be up to each school to determine if they would like to provide a version of these items in a safe manner. If these specific props are not provided, students will be able to mime the use of the items and no points will be deducted. Due to district policies, we do not allow students to bring play guns to school.
- We will not be playing the colony scramble unless requested and then only should the presenter have enough time to include the game.
- We are providing an option typically used for our virtual presentation for the battle scenes to be narrated without re-enactment. Should your school choose this option, please let your presenter know. Narration cards for each battle can be found on our Website under Teacher Preparation Guide section and is titled "Virtual Only: Battle Narration Cards." These would need to be assigned to a student on each team in place of the battle scene

scripts provided in the Teacher Guide. Should your class re-enact the battles, the presenter will remain 6 feet apart and the student narrator will have the choice whether to use the microphone reserved for student use.

- Students will be able to depict the reading of the Declaration of Independence but will take place without a microphone (unless otherwise requested) and either in front of the display with a distance of 6 feet between students and presenter or directly from student chairs. This will be up to each class how to proceed.
- Game sheets will be completed in team groups unless social distancing among students is required. If so, game sheets will take place from individual chairs. The presenter will not be able to provide extra pencils. Please bring some with you.
- Should time allow, we will play a lightning round with the game sheets at the end of the presentation, but with students and presenter 6 feet apart.
- All prop pieces or display items touched by students will be sanitized upon completion of the presentation.

Walk Through Ancient World modifications

- Students will be called up one at a time to recite assigned cards rather than in groups unless otherwise authorized by the teacher.
- Daily Life presentations involve student interaction. If a class would like these to be excluded, please let us know or let your presenter know prior to your presentation. Presenter will keep 6 feet of distance.
- We will not be playing the optional Building Lego game.
- We will only be playing the Mummy Wrap competition should it be requested, and toilet paper provided.
- Game sheets will be completed in team groups unless social distancing among students is required. If so, game sheets will take place from individual chairs. The presenter will not be able to provide extra pencils. Please bring some with you.
- Should time allow, we will play a lightning round with the game sheets at the end of the presentation, but with students and presenter 6 feet apart.
- All prop pieces or display items touched by students will be sanitized upon completion of the presentation.