

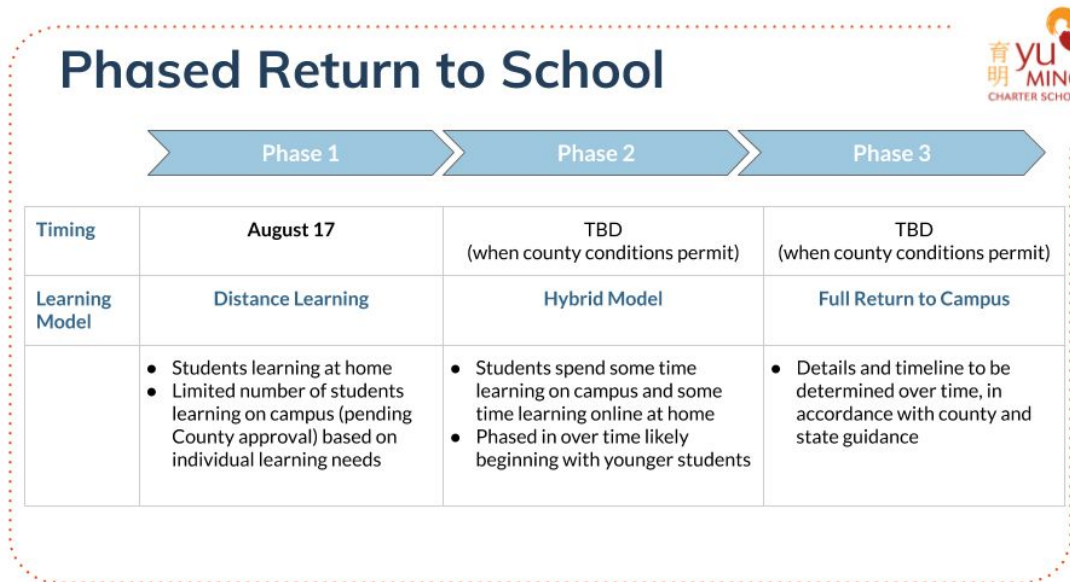
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Dear Yu Ming Families,

I hope that you have been staying safe, healthy, and well. I am writing to update you on how Yu Ming will re-open next month. **Yu Ming will open on August 17th providing distance learning.** This decision was made by the Yu Ming Board at its special meeting last night as a result of county and state guidance.

On July 17, Governor Gavin Newsom [outlined a plan](#) for how California schools would physically open or close in the 2020-2021 school year. The Governor's plan along with the California Department of Health's [updated guidance](#) ties school reopening to overall disease conditions in its county as tracked by the [State's County Monitoring List](#). Alameda County was placed on the State's Monitoring List on July 12 due to a COVID-19 case rate above 100 per 100,000 residents over a 14-day period. Until Alameda County is off the State Monitoring List for 14 consecutive days, all Alameda County schools may only provide distance learning to their students.

Consequently, Yu Ming will begin the school year in distance learning and at a minimum will not return to campus before Labor Day. This date may be extended, and we will stay in very close communication with families to ensure you are well informed of when the [ACOE](#) and [ACPHD](#) permit county schools to open and Yu Ming will be permitted to transition from our distance learning model (phase 1) to our hybrid model (phase 2).



During this initial phase 1 of distance learning, we will make some exceptions for in-person touchpoints with students and families, including providing in-person support for some students

with IEPs, welcoming and onboarding our new Yu Ming students and families, and possibly opening an in-person learning center. Any in-person touch points will follow state and county guidelines.

When Yu Ming meets the criteria for reopening, there will be a transition period of at least one week to ensure that we prepare our campuses and community for a shift to on-campus learning.

I know you may have many questions about the start of school and we will communicate additional details in the coming weeks. For now, please note the following key dates:

- Mon, Aug 17 - first day of classes for students
- Thurs-Fri, Aug 13-14 - book/material pick up protocol for students
- Thurs, Aug 13, 5-6pm - school community Town Hall to answer questions about the start of school with Head of School Sue Park and new Principal Greg Callaham (zoom to follow)
- Fri, Aug 7 - class and cohort assignments sent to families
- Aug 3-14 - faculty professional development days

We continue to develop detailed plans for both our distance learning and hybrid models and will be sharing more details in the coming weeks. While this is not how we hoped to start the new school year, we know we have a strong and flexible team that is deeply committed to supporting our students' well-being and academic growth regardless of circumstances. I am confident that our community will continue to partner as we did in the spring to provide a strong virtual start and school year for all of our students.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Principal Greg Callaham (gcallaham@yumingschool.org) if you have any questions.

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