



February 5, 2021

Dear Yu Ming Families,

I write today to share the latest updates on Yu Ming's response to COVID-19 and the transition to returning to in-person instruction. All the topics addressed in this communication were presented to Yu Ming's Board of Directors at the meeting today.

Update on Reopening Plan and Timeline

The good news is that, under California Department of Public Health criteria, Yu Ming may reopen K-6 grades for our hybrid model, in-person instruction as soon as the school believes it is ready. We have submitted all the necessary documentation and our [reopening plan](#) to show how we are prepared to keep students and staff safe. You can see our progress on the components in the chart below. Unfortunately, Alameda County still has not met the state criteria for any form of in-person instruction for grades 7 and above. You can learn more about the [criteria here](#) and about [county case rates here](#).

Yu Ming staff and leadership are eager to return as many of our students as possible to in-person instruction as soon as possible, while balancing the needs of our staff and the ability to provide quality learning experiences to all students.

Part of readying our school for return to in-person instruction involves securing Covid-19 vaccinations for as many of our teachers and staff as possible. While vaccine supplies are still very challenging, we are encouraged that [starting Feb. 8](#), our staff may be among the groups prioritized to get the vaccine. While vaccination is important, it is only one part of the comprehensive infection control plan we are implementing.

We will update our community by Friday, February 12 on vaccine progress along with a more concrete timeline of when we will transition to our in-person hybrid model, starting with Kindergarten and Grade 1. Once we begin, we plan to roll out hybrid, in-person learning to all eligible grades within four weeks.

Final preparations will be completed by the end of next week. You can see the status of our progress in the “Yu Ming Reopening Readiness Update” chart at the end of this message.

Other On-Site Programming

The other good news is that until we are able to reopen for in-person hybrid instruction, we can and will begin other on-campus programming. We know that while the vast majority of our students are doing well academically, our students need the in-person adult and social connections that school provides. So we are currently planning to begin the following starting Feb. 22:

- Additional Distance Learning Center pods
- In-person socialization opportunities
- In-person academic and social-emotional supports

Family Survey

We always appreciate input to better guide our transition back to in-person learning, so look out for a survey early next week!

We hope to give you all more concrete news next week. If you have any questions, please reach out by email or join Principal Callaham and me on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 8:30 a.m. for our next family coffee which we will be renaming “Chá and Chat with the Principal” (“chá” is “tea” in Chinese). We appreciate your flexibility and care as we navigate this school year together.

Warmest regards,
Sue

YU MING REOPENING READINESS UPDATE	
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SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN Required documents submitted and approved by the county and state.	COMPLETE 100%
CLEANING, DISINFECTION AND VENTILATION OSHA compliant cleaning and disinfecting protocols in place at both campuses. PPE for staff and students acquired. Effective ventilation systems in place.	COMPLETE 100%
COHORTING Small stable groups established.	COMPLETE 100%
PHYSICAL DISTANCING Space and routines designed to allow for physical distancing of students and staff.	COMPLETE 100%

<p>ENTRANCE, EGRESS, AND MOVEMENT WITHIN THE SCHOOL Arrival, dismissal, and other critical classroom routines adapted to allow for social distancing and COVID safe practices.</p>	<p>COMPLETE 100%</p>
<p>FACE COVERINGS AND OTHER PPE CDPH and ACPHD’s face covering requirements can be satisfied and enforced. Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff and students acquired.</p>	<p>COMPLETE 100%</p>
<p>HEALTH SCREENINGS AND TESTING FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF Daily COVID screening form via Procure app established for students and Google form for staff. Capacity for ill students or staff to be separated from others. Weekly surveillance testing of staff and students in place.</p>	<p>COMPLETE 100%</p>
<p>HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES Handwashing and hand sanitizer stations installed with routines for their use established.</p>	<p>COMPLETE 100%</p>
<p>IDENTIFICATION AND TRACING OF CONTACTS Response plan for confirmed case established. School site liaisons identified and trained to respond to a positive case. Communication plan for cases and exposures.</p>	<p>COMPLETE 100%</p>
<p>STAFF TRAINING AND FAMILY EDUCATION Staff trained on the reopening plan. Families educated on the application and enforcement of the reopening plan.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS 50%</p>
<p>INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM K-1 program ready to begin pending hire of one additional staff. Grades 2-8 program in progress. Social and emotional wellbeing is a priority.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS 75%</p>