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Subject: Update on Yu Ming Reopening, March 12, 2021

Friday, March 12, 2021

Dear Yu Ming Families,

I write today with the latest updates on our path to reopening. School leaders, teachers, and staff members have been working diligently on the final details of our next phase of school reopening - maintaining a high quality distance learning model and launching our hybrid model.

Through our next phase, we will continue to implement robust health and safety protocols including effective classroom ventilation, mandatory mask-wearing, stable cohorts, daily health screenings, and physical distancing. Yu Ming will also continue weekly on-campus testing for all staff and students, exceeding both the state and CDC guidelines. Continuing to ensure Yu Ming school is safe, academically engaging, supportive and joyful for all of our students, regardless of model, remains our priority.

### **Distance Learning and Hybrid Models**

On our recent February survey, about 60% of our families selected hybrid in-person learning and about 40% selected fully distanced learning. We have responded to your selections by designing hybrid and distance models customized for each grade level guided by the following considerations:

- Adherence to health and safety guidelines on physical distancing and cohorting
- Providing high-quality learning experiences for students in both the distance learning and hybrid models with current staffing
- Maintaining the steady progress the large majority of our students have achieved this year in our distance learning model on grade-level standards through targeted instruction and enhanced progress monitoring
- Maintaining strong foundations and high expectations for all, while providing differentiated supports where they are most needed
- Prioritizing language development and social emotional well being in both our hybrid and distance learning models

In order to achieve all of the above, and in close partnership with teachers, we have made adjustments to each grade level's model while doing our best to align arrival and dismissal times across grades for families with siblings.

## Reopening Timeline

Here is the timeline for Yu Ming's next phase:

March 15-26	Distance Learning (All K-8)	
March 29-April 2	Teacher Conferences (All K-8)	Asynchronous Learning (K-2), 3/29-4/2
April 5-9	Spring Recess (All K-8) <a href="#">ACPHD Travel Guidance</a> for Hybrid K-2	COVID Testing (K-2), 4/5
April 12-16	Distance Learning (G5-8), 4/12-13 Asynchronous Learning (G3-4), 4/12-16 Asynchronous Learning (G5-8) 4/14-16	COVID Testing (G3-4), 4/12 In-Person School Start (K), 4/12 In-Person School Start (G1-2), 4/15
April 19-23	Distance Learning (G5-8)	COVID Testing (G3-8), 4/19 @ MLK COVID Testing (GK-2), 4/22 @ ALC In-Person School Start (G3), 4/19 In-Person School Start (G4), 4/22
April 26-30		COVID Testing (G3-8), 4/29 @ MLK In-Person School Start (G5-8 Cohort A), 4/26 In-Person School Start (G5-8 Cohort B), 4/27

## Preparation for Reopening

All students who will be returning to campus in the hybrid model in April will need to provide:

- **A negative COVID test** by the Friday prior to returning to campus (see details below)
- **A signed Community Agreement form** to be sent via Parent Square on March 19 (K-2) and March 26 (G3-8).

On-campus COVID-19 testing will be available for all students according to the schedule below. You may also obtain a test from your healthcare provider. If you obtain a test off campus please send your results to [COVID@yumingschool.org](mailto:COVID@yumingschool.org).

Grades	Testing Dates (9am-12pm)	Testing Location
K-2	Monday, April 5	Lower School campus at 1086 Alcatraz Avenue

3-4	Monday, April 12	Upper School campus at 675 41st Street
5-8	Monday, April 19	
K-8	Thursdays, April 22-June 7	Alternating campuses every other week

### Important Note Regarding Travel ([ACPHD Guidelines](#)):

- Travel is defined as going to, or hosting guests from any part of California more than 120 miles from one's place of residence, or to other states or countries.
- In order to return to campus, students must get tested 3-7 days after returning from travel AND stay home for 7 days.
- If the test is negative, students must stay home for the full 7 days.
- If the test is positive, students must isolate to protect others from infection.
- If the student does not get tested, stay home for 10 days after returning from travel. If they must leave home during this time, remember to keep at least 6 feet away from others and make extra sure that they are always wearing a mask.

### Future Communications

This afternoon you will receive a parentsquare message from your student's homeroom teacher or middle school advisor that will include the following reopening details:

- Grades K-2 - information on revised hybrid model
- Grades 3-4 - information on revised hybrid model with opportunity for model selection
- Grades 5-8 - information on revised hybrid model with opportunity for confirmation

In the coming weeks, please look for follow-up communications from Emily Wood, our Director of Operations and Strategy, about COVID-19 testing and other important details.

If you have any remaining questions about our reopening plans and instructional models in the next phase, please join us for an information session:

- GK-2 - Thurs, March 25, 5-6:30pm ([zoom link](#), Meeting ID: 693 500 5207, PW: ERxx6B)
- G3-8 - Thurs, April 1, 5-6:30pm ([zoom link](#), Meeting ID: 693 500 5207, PW: ERxx6B)

Yesterday, we began the first of our on-campus social meet-ups for families that expressed interest in our February 12th survey. It was energizing to see sixth grade students connecting and socializing safely and joyfully in the Upper School garden, and we are excited to continue to welcome a growing number of students on campus in the coming weeks.

In community,



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