



## CAMPUS PHASE IN PROCESS

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It's an unusual and exciting time on the hill. This year we began school in a variety of modalities, depending on the guidance from officials and according to the needs of our learners. And, we are thrilled to report, we have been practicing our **Healthy. Happy. Here.** safety protocols with success! Preschool is running smoothly. Elementary Learning Pods are continuing well. Middle School students began our hybrid Learning Hubs last week with A Week and B Week rotating attendance. And, now we are ready to begin the next step of our phase-in process for high school students whose families elect for them to be on campus.

Phase I	Preschool open August 11
Phase II	Elementary Learning Pods open August 18
Phase III	Middle School Learning Hubs open September 14
<b>Phase IV</b>	<b>Seniors Learning Hubs open September 28</b>
Phase V	Juniors Learning Hubs open - TBD
Phase VI	Freshman/Sophomore Learning Hubs open - TBD

Effective September 22, Alameda County is in the “red zone.” This is the second tier as communicated by Governor Newsom on August 28. Once a county is in the red tier for two weeks straight, schools may begin reopening under COVID-19 restrictions. However, until the two-week timeframe has passed, schools are allowed to open under California SB98, License Exempt Child Care guidance for students in grades K - 12.

Under this guidance we are ready to open a limited number of stable cohorts, or Learning Hubs, for seniors (grade 12) this coming week. The name Learning Hub identifies that students are literally in a designated space, a “hub,” for an extended period of time. From this space they Zoom in to their classes. Students are only allowed to be in stable groups of up to 14 and engage with 2 supervising adults for an extended time frame throughout the day.

This format of school will continue for the next few weeks while we ease safely into being together. As we understand the challenges and new variables, the junior class will be the next cohorts to join campus. After a successful launch with juniors, we will invite sophomores and freshmen to join us on the hill. We will give high school families announcements along the way so we can map out family preference for on campus Learning Hubs or remote instruction.

Here's the basic idea of how it will work for high school:

- Students arrive on campus wearing masks for check-in between 8:00 and 8:10AM.
- Students show they have: headset, device, charger, mask, and lunch.
- An individual health check is administered (self-check questions, temperature, sanitizer).
- Students wait with their assigned cohort at designated outdoor space until called by the Learning Hub leader to come to the classroom.
- Students stay in this classroom from 8:15 - 11:30AM and Zoom into classes.
- Lunch is eaten indoors or outdoors with the cohort (no large group gathering of eating in or out of doors).
- After eating lunch during their break, students wear masks and gather with their cohort in a designated outdoor space.
- The Afternoon Learning Hub leader will call for students to come to their second space for the day.
- Students will remain with their second leader in this second space for all afternoon classes from 12:05 - 3:15PM (or until ride is available) and Zoom into courses. *Student drivers remain in class until dismissed by the cohort leader.*

Please note:

- At this time remote learning is still being offered to all VCS students grades TK - 12.
- High school parents who elect to keep students at home need to notify the office so we have a record of who to expect as we invite each new group to build our Learning Hubs.
- Making a commitment to be home affects our stable cohort grouping, so it is essential each family communicates their plan. Please email your remote or in-person preference to [attendance@valleychristianschools.org](mailto:attendance@valleychristianschools.org) as your student's group is invited to a cohort.
- For the safety of all, it is not permissible to self-elect attendance day to day.
- As the climate of COVID-19 in our area changes, these plans may also change.

While we are unable to make a certain prediction about the modality of school for the rest of the year, we anticipate a time this academic year when students will all be on campus. As the medical field addresses the pandemic we will move to an in-person instructional model when it is safe to do so.

### **HEALTHY. HAPPY. HERE.**

For the safety of our entire community, we have established some protocols we each must follow while on campus:

- a) Do not come on campus if you are not feeling well or have symptoms of COVID-19.
- b) Wear a face covering in common areas, hallways, and at in-person meetings.
- c) Practice social distancing in all settings (even when eating lunch together).
- d) Use hand sanitizer or wash your hands as you enter a building.
- e) Meet outdoors as much as possible with team members.
- f) Practice a preference for videocast as the mode for meetings.
- g) Practice patience and flexibility as adjustments are announced.
- h) Be present on campus as a way to focus on the work God has set before us.