

Question	Answer
How will the schools handle positive Covid cases of teachers and students? If there is one (or five or ten or ?) positive cases, will in-class learning stop?	There is a County protocol by Public Health we will follow. It is in the Return to School Plan
If you choose the Supported Home Study option and the school closes for SIP or other reason, can your child participate in the Digital Learning Academy with other students or would he/she still have to stay strictly with the Home Study model?	We are working to clarify that but the most likely scenario is that the Supported Home Study Option students will be scheduled with a Home Study teacher who will use the Distance Learning Academy model until we have an on campus option. Then the Supported Home Option model will be used (it has to do with Independent Study Law. Once they want to return to the on campus model, we will assign them an on-campus teacher
What is the plan for all the holidays that fall on a Monday?	In the hybrid, we have discussed trading some Mondays for Wednesdays.
FYI The survey where we select our option has a glitch and will not allow me to send, even with all fields filled out	We corrected and sent out a new link
Is the home study model the same as homeschool? If not is where is the homeschooling Option?	The home study option is like enhanced independent study or enhanced home school with teacher support. There are many models for homeschool. This is reasonably consistent with some of them and includes all legally required components and paper work for long term Independent and home school
How can the distance learning occur at home with two working parents? How will the student be able to be in contact with their teacher or participate in zoom learning if they are in daycare all day?!!?	This is one of our biggest concerns, too. We will be adding support in the YMCA childcare to enable students to participate and do their school work. Unfortunately, the distancing requirements greatly limit the number of child care slots.
Will there be buses running for the children ?	Yes. During our two on-campus models (Hybrid and Full Return) we will provide transportation
Will we be able to utilize some of the school supplies we purchased for the classroom for at home learning? If so, how do we receive them since they have been sent to the school? Thank you!	Yes. We can send the supplies kids to the classrooms AND we will arrange a time for pick up for those who would like that option.
Why would you shut down school when there were a minimal amount of cases in the county, and then choose to reopen when there is an explosion of cases in the county?	Things are evolving very quickly. We are watching the cases and trends and will be considering whether to start in the hybrid or the Distance Learning Academy Option. You will know very soon.
Several questions were asked about cohort preferences including these: My family is planning on collaborating with another family to cover the learning from home days. Would we be able to request that they be in the same class and cohort to help with that? And Due to my non-negotiable work schedule, I have a strong preference for my kids to be in a specific cohort. Is there any way to request which cohort they are placed in?	It is very complicated to make sure that the siblings are scheduled for the same days with a different number with siblings in each grade with 1,000 students. I don't think we will be able to accept requests for groupings.
How to fill out form for multiple students regarding hybrid learning	The form offered a way to add students but you can use it more than once.
When will we receive more information about the daily schedule for distance learning and more information about what the Supported Home Learning option would entail? I need more information about these options before I can make an informed decision about whether to start with the hybrid or home learning options.	Right now! The Working Draft of the Return to School Plan was published on our website

If we start with supported home learning, would my child be in a class with a teacher and other children to interact with, even if only digitally?	Yes, they will interact with other children in the supported home learning option.
If we start with supported home learning, can we switch to hybrid at any point?	Due to the staffing required to offer the supported home learning, we ask that families commit for a trimester
With Sunshine being open won't merging the kids of multiple classroom cohorts into sunshine cohorts pretty much defeat the cohort benefits?	It is impossible to keep full cohort stabilization with childcare, bus transportation, special programs and services a child may have. We will be able to do contact tracing with logs, etc. for the contacts during the school day.
If a child tests positive in a ymca cohort will that make every classroom which has a student in the positive YMCA cohort have to be quarantined?	It depends. The public health officer will determine what happens when a person has Covid 19
If the cohorts are mixing why not just have classrooms regular size 5 days per week or total distance learning only?	At this time, with distancing requirements at 6', we cannot fit a regular sized class in the classroom. Like many Sonoma County districts, we are considering going to total distance learning to start.
Will the in class time be entirely academic? Will there be recess or eating or PE?	In the hybrid and full return models, there will be recess, lunch, and PE in cohorts
It has been proven that many COVID 19 people can be asymptomatic, which means the temperature checks will not be effective. If a child or teacher gets COVID, how will the school/district handle the situation?	The checklist has several components including temperature checks and symptom checks. It was designed by Public Health. It is good but not perfect for asymptomatic people.
If we opt for blended/hybrid now but become concerned if COVID continues to increase, can we change our options?	Yes.
Will those being kept 100% at home have any online component where they will interact with other students learning from home?	Yes—they will interact with students learning from home.
When the school will open?	School will start August 19 in either a hybrid or fully distance model. We will start back fully when it is safe to do so and the social distancing requirement is 4' or less.
YMCA previously had such a demand that parents were forced to spend the night in their parking lot to get a spot. Even then, there has always been way more demand than spots available. With an increased need for child care this year for those parents working outside the home, how will this be handled? Will the district help add additional options for parents in need of child care during non-school days?	We are providing some child care for our staff that have BVUSD students to free up some YMCA spaces for other students. Realistically, childcare will be in demand and with the requirements on childcare, they can accommodate fewer students.
I'm assuming we reserve the right to change our minds at any point (according to numbers/need/comfort/situation/etc.) if we selected on option over the other?	If you select the Supported Home Option, we ask that you commit for a trimester due to the staffing it takes to offer that option. Otherwise, you can change from Hybrid or Full to Supported Home
Is TK going to be offered for 20-21? I only saw Kindergarten in the options in the questionnaire.	Yes, we have 2 TK classes
Will the school be able to provide families with laptops or something in the sort for at home learning?	Yes, we have some laptops that we can lend families who need them as we did in the spring
Will current Yulupa/Strawberry teachers be teaching the supported home learning program? If not, who will be?	Yes. Depending on how many want that option, BVUSD teachers will be assigned to it by grade level or clusters of grade levels.
If/when there's a "Full Return to School", will I still be able to choose the "Supported Home Study" program (due to my son's health issues and not ready to send him back to school)?	Yes.

If my child starts the year with home study, will he have a chance to go to school in person at all during the school year, should restrictions ease up?	Yes. We ask that you commit to the home option for a trimester.
How many students per class ?	In the full return model, we have staffed for classes of 25 at Strawberry and 19-24 at Yulupa.
What is the districts response to a 2 working parents household?	We understand it is exceedingly difficult to balance everything and have made our distance learning days much more robust than in the spring.
Will there be extra curricular activities provided this school year? Art, science, music, assemblies, library time, etc.?	Library time and Dance will be provided during the distance days. We may be able to add other things but unfortunately, we are not allowed to have assemblies of large groups
As 2 essential working parent household, how can I expect my child to do her work while at YMCA all day? They had a tough time trying to focus last time and ended up do oh no all school work from 6-10pm those days.	We are adding support to the YMCA to help students with their work.
How would the YMCA childcare work if my child has school work each day? Would they miss the zoom meetings and just have to do the work on evenings and weekends?	We are planning to provide access to the zoom meetings and other work at YMCA.
With numbers on the rise, and businesses closing yet again, why not just focus on making distance learning better instead of all the back and forth? It will only be a matter of time until someone gets sick or a fire breaks out, or planned power outage. Focusing on distance learning during this unprecedented time will give our kids and staff some much needed normalcy, and structure, without the added danger. Thank you for all you're doing to try and get us back to a normal safe place, but socially distanced school is both unsafe, and incredibly scary and boring for kids. It will not feel normal, it will feel like prison. Just my thoughts. 🍀	We are considering this very seriously and have designed our Distance Learning Academy to be significantly better than what we were able to offer in the spring
How will students returning to campus after supported home learning be placed into classrooms? According to whichever teacher has open spots? Or will an online "classroom" become an in person one?	It will depend how many students per grade are in the supported learning option and when they want to transition.
Will the YMCA offer care after school for days kid's are on campus?	They are planning to continue before and after school childcare.
As a teacher in the Petaluma City Schools district would it be possible to coordinate my blended schedule with my two BVUSD students so I can be home with them when they are home and be at my site when they are at their site?	We would love it if we had the ability to meet everyone's needs with the cohorts. We are working hard to get siblings on the same cohort. We do hope it works out for you and the others who have asked this question
How long will the school day be on the two days the children are in school?	Approximately 8:30-1:30 on campus. Then the teachers will zoom with their student on distance days.
If COVID cases continue to rise in Sonoma county, will we still start with the hybrid model or go to just distance learning from the start?	We will go to Distance from the start and pivot to Hybrid once safe to do so
What day would kindergarten meet up/orientation be?	On August 19
What will the hours of the school day be for both hybrid and distance learning?	Hybrid—8:30-1:30 approximately to provide after noon time for daily contact with students on distance. Distance—see schedule.
If a parent chooses the distant learning option and they work from home from 9:00 am-2:00 pm, can they teach their child from 2:00pm-8:00pm?	Yes but it would be great if the child could participate in the zoom instruction and support as well
If we choose supported home learning and the district goes to full distance learning do we stay on supported learning or get shifted to distance learning. And what's the difference between the two?	Please refer to the detail in the plan.

Are students going to get outside playtime and special classes (ex. library, computer, phys ed) or after-school activities?	Outside playtime will be provided under both of the on-campus options. PE and library will be provided. We are working out details for computer lab. We are not sure about the after school activities at this time. We have to have the facilities free for the cleaning necessary
Will my children lose their place at school if I choose to do distance learning?	No
What will you do if a child gets infected with the Covid virus?	We will follow the County Public Health protocols and the Public Health Officer will tell us what we need to do
It sounds like the same teacher won't be teaching the hybrid and home study models. If a student transitions to the hybrid model after the first trimester, will they change teachers?	Possibly. It depends on how many want the home option and how many want to transfer to the campus option
Q) Will parents need to camp out overnight at the YMCA (as we've needed to do in the past) to get spots this fall if their kids were already in the program? What if their child is moving from Sunshine to Eagle's Nest?	YMCA will update parents on their procedures
Q) Will parents be able to choose zoom meeting times for the Supported Home Study option?	It won't be possible. The home teacher will be supporting a full class of students, possibly from 2 grade levels
The email said that on non-classroom days, daily attendance will be taken and there will be a set schedule. Will students be required to be "live" online working at specific times? Or can they work flexibly, according to the parents' work schedule, as long as they get the work done?	They can work flexibly as long as they attend their zoom meetings
With Supported Home Study, is there any in-person time with the assigned teacher? Is other intervention available if he/she seems to be following behind?	There is in person time via zoom and support for the supported home option
Are kids going to be required to wear masks? How is this hybrid or distance learning going to work with Kindergartners?	Masks are currently required by the State. Kindergarten teachers are helping to design the K part of the module. It is challenging but they are amazing
I am very confused what to do for my kid education	Understood. This is a very challenging time. We are here to support you. Your child's principal may be able to help.
For children who attend ymca during non-school days, will ymca assist with distance learning? If not, how can I effectively home school on non-school days if my child is in daycare while we work outside the home?	Yes. In addition, we are adding support to help the YMCA do that
Will BVUSD students be mixed with other districts students in the supported home learning program? Or will it be exclusively BVUSD students?	Exclusively BVUSD
Is the "Digital Learning Academy" offered by a third party or from BVUSD?	BVUSD—our wonderful teachers have greatly enhanced the full distance option
My son is an inter district transfer. If he does the home study option, will he lose his spot at Yulupa?	No. If he is enrolled in one of our programs, he retains his spot
Will disciplinary action be taken if students take off their masks? I'm worried about my second grader keeping it on all day long.	We understand how difficult masks can be and will be gentle with students. Wearing masks is a matter of health and required by the state.
When will we hear about before and after care with the YMCA?	The YMCA will be providing information soon
What are the expected daily hours of work for the supported at home only instruction?	8:30-1:30
What will be the health exemptions for mask wearing? It's concerning to compromise children's healthy respiration and limit social/ facial cues by wearing a mask for six hours a day.	Since mask use is a state requirement at this time, students with health issues require a doctor's exemption

Will school start off as distance learning?	At this point with the pandemic as it is, quite possibly
Q) Will everyone in school (teachers, staff, students) be temperature-tested every day?	Yes and symptom checked
Q) Can students still use the Supported Home Study Option when the Full Return to School occurs?	Yes. We ask that parents make a commitment of a trimester for the supported home option and transition after that. Depending on the timing of that, we may be able to offer flexibility