

Valley Community Schools (VCS)  
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will VCS return to full day school in August?
  - VCS Daily will not return to a full day program until approved by the Merced County Health Department. Students will continue on Distance Learning; meeting all requirements mandated by Senate Bill 98.
  - A school staff member will contact students to review their class schedule and explain how to access virtual class sessions.
  
2. How will VCS Independent Study operate?
  - VCS Independent Study will continue to hold virtual meetings until the Merced County Health Department approves in-person learning.
  - Teachers will contact students to schedule weekly virtual meetings.
  
3. Why is VCS Daily not returning to a full day?
  - The Governor ordered mandatory Distance Learning for all schools in counties on the California Coronavirus watchlist.
  - Merced County will have to be off the watchlist for 14 days prior to allowing in-person learning.
  - Once off the watchlist MCOE will work with the Merced County Health Department to develop an in person learning environment that is safe for all individuals.
  
4. How will registration operate?
  - Students will make an appointment for registration.
  - All individuals attending the appointment are required to wear a mask and follow all social distancing guidelines.
  
5. Is the school open to the public?
  - Schools are currently closed to the public.
  - Please make an appointment to pick-up or drop off materials.
  
6. Will my student be provided with a computer and or internet?
  - Students will be provided with a device and mobile internet if needed.
  - Both parent and student must sign the Acceptable Use Agreement and an MCOE Equipment Check-Out Form.
  - Parents can also purchase insurance for the device.
  
7. Who is the final decision-maker when it comes to the Covid 19 situation?
  - These decisions are shared across the County by all school districts that serve students with the guidance of the Merced County Department of Public Health and the Merced County Office of Education.