

# Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

## Vision & Purpose

Discovery is committed to every child, every day. The crisis of COVID-19 has created a tipping point for education. Children deserve a safe environment that promotes learning, healthy relationships, and positive social interactions. Children need opportunities to grow intellectually and emotionally, while feeling connected and secure. Discovery has been committed to ensure that we reopen our campus to in-person instruction format only when advised by medical health experts. Through the frequent analysis of health data from the San Diego County Department of Health and in partnership with local health experts, our campus is ready to reopen with the strong health protocols necessary to see our children thrive in-person on Discovery's campus once again.

During Distance Learning since the Spring of 2020, we have learned from so many families, students, and teachers that this time is challenging in having students engaged with their studies, to develop relationships with their peers, and establish routines that are consistently aligned with school and home. It is with this sentiment that we believe that it is time to have students back on campus. We are committing to leading our plan with safety at the forefront of our actions. Our plan below demonstrates that the health measures put forth by the San Diego County Department of Health and the national Center for Disease Control are the focal point of our efforts in reopening Discovery. Our institution of learning is a pillar in our community, and it is important to ensure that teaching, learning, and health efforts coexist in significance to strive to achieve excellence and wellbeing for all students, staff, and families.

## Schedules

- **Rainy Day:** In the event of a rainy day, see the Rainy Day schedule below. Lunch will be 30 minutes. Students will remain in the teacher's classroom. A noon duty or support staff will bring school lunches to the classroom. They will assist the teacher with a bathroom break – first 10 minutes. No recess on rainy day. After the first 10 minutes the noon duty or support staff will need to go to the next grade beginning lunch.
- **Transition to and from eating areas:** Students will be escorted to the eating area by the teacher or support staff, who will make sure students sit in their same assigned lunch table seat. After 20 minutes students will be given a 5-minute warning to finish eating and start throwing away any trash. At the 25 minute mark students will exit in the correct order to their recess station. After 17 minutes the whistle will be blown and students will line up on the blacktop. Teachers will pick their students up from the

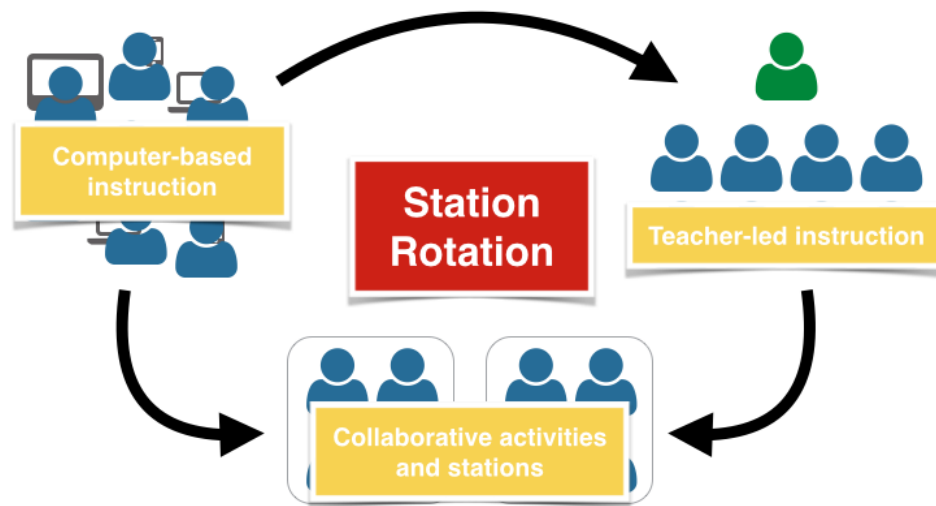
assigned location on the blacktop at the end of the 45-minute lunch period. It is extremely important that this is done on time.

- **Meal distribution at school:** Breakfast and lunch are served every day free of charge for any student.

- **Teaching & Learning Model**

- **Blended Learning - Rotation Model**

- A rotation-model implementation in which within a given course or subject (e.g., math), students rotate *on a fixed schedule or at the teacher's discretion* among classroom-based learning modalities. The rotation includes at least one station for online learning. Other stations might include activities such as small- group or full-class instruction, group projects, individual tutoring, and pencil-and-paper assignments. Some implementations involve the entire class alternating among activities together, whereas others divide into small-group or one-by-one rotations. This model allows all students to engage with the teacher with similar access to content, instructional strategies, and academic support, daily. This model also allows for rosters to remain the same without having to move teachers or students due to an imbalance of students in a classroom. Our Dual Immersion program also remains stable in structure and instructional format.



## Safety Protocols

- **Ingress:** Students will arrive to school during a staggered arrival schedule. See daily schedule for time and location of ingress. Gates are colored coded and student will follow marked path directed by support staff along the way to the blacktop to wait on a dot in line with their class letter until their teacher comes to pick them up to go to class.  
**Kinder gate:** Kinder students starting at 7:30

**300 gate:** 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students

**East loop gate next to fire lane:** Staggered times – 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> and Middle School students

- **Washing hands:** Students will be required to wash their hands each time they enter the classroom: in the morning, after recess, after lunch, after going to the bathroom.
- **Disinfecting:** Teachers will be encouraged to disinfect common areas, such as doorknobs, their own device, light switch. Custodians will disinfect the lunch tables before the lunch period and after the lunch service is over. Noon duties will disinfect the tables and benches after each lunch.
- **Water:** Every student is highly encouraged to bring their own water bottle each day. Drink fountains will not be available. For any child that forgets a water bottle that day, disposable cups will be available in the classroom only if needed.
- **Egress:** Students will be dismissed following a staggered dismissal schedule. See schedule below. Students will leave school through the designated gate for their grade level and will proceed to walk home or to the lineup area
- **Lunch:** Students will be escorted to the lunch arbor by teachers. Students will sit in assigned seats. Kinder will eat at Kinder tables in Kinder area
- **Recess:** Morning recess and lunch recess will have separate grade level play areas.
- **Bathrooms:** 600 bathrooms are for Kinder and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students only. Library bathrooms are for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students only. 700 bathrooms are for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students only. 800 bathrooms are for middle school students only. No more than 4 students allowed in a bathroom. Bathroom passes will have Velcro and students will put bathroom pass on one of 4 velcro strips outside the bathroom. If there are 4 students in the bathroom, the next students will see there is no spot left to attach their bathroom pass and will wait outside the bathroom on the indicated location marked on the ground.

## FAQ

Q: Which gate will the YMCA use?

A: They will use the gate next to the 300 building.

Q: Will kindergarten students wait on the blacktop in the morning?

A: Yes. Kindergarten students will enter through the kinder gate in the morning and remain on the blacktop with supervision until their teacher picks them up for class.

Q: Will students be able to play with students who are not in their classrooms?

A: Students will be able to play with students in their grade level. Grade levels will be separated on the playground.

Q: Where can the school supply list be found?

A: Discovery provides everything the student will need for the classroom. Backpacks are helpful for students.

Q: Is covid testing required?

A: We highly encourage students to get a covid test to allow students to return to school as soon as possible.

Q: If a child has a runny nose, how long before they can return to school?

A: They can return to school with a negative covid test. If a negative test result is not provided, students may return when there are no more symptoms.

Q: Can parents have breakfast with their child in the morning?

A: We are unable to have parents sitting with their children during breakfast. If parents wish to stay for a little bit in the morning, they need to remain on the blacktop at a distance from the classes of students at all times.

Q: If a child is sick, how can they continue to learn at home?

A: The school will provide an independent study contract and school work for the child to do at home.

Q: Will IEP services resume in person?

A: Yes, services will be in person.

Q: Will students have to wear a mask all day?

A: Wearing a mask is optional for both indoors and outdoors.

Q: Is transportation available?

A: Transportation registration will be available online at [www.cvesd.org](http://www.cvesd.org). K-3 will have priority, 4-6 if space is available.

Q: Will students have an option to refill water at school?

A: Yes, students will be able to refill water bottles in their classroom as often as they want.

Q: Will there be supervision for kinder students after school for those waiting for older siblings?

A: Yes, students will be supervised before and after school.

Q: Will the covid-19 rapid test be accepted?

A: Yes

Q: Where can my child take a covid-19 test?

A: Testing is provided on campus every Monday.

Q; Will classrooms be allergen free? How are food allergies handled?

A: Please reach out to Ms. Anabel, our school nurse, and let your child's teacher know as well in order to allow us to take the appropriate measures.

Q: Will classrooms have air filters?

A: UV air filters will be used in every classroom and the auditorium.

Q: If a child has tested positive for covid, what is the protocol?

A: The child will be required to quarantine for 5 days and bring a negative Covid test.

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