



Newman Central Catholic High School Opening Plan 2021-2022 School Year



Personal Hygiene and Sanitization Stations

Masks will be worn at all times inside the building. Masks must be school appropriate.

Students who ride the bus are required to wear a mask at all times. This includes athletic events.

Sanitizing stations will be at each entrance of the building, drinking fountains, cafeteria, and in classrooms. Students, staff and visitors will be required to use hand sanitizer when entering the building.

Entrance/Exit

There will be 2 entrances where students can enter the building door #3 and door #8.

CEO student will park in the front and enter in the front door #3.

At 8:00 a.m. when doors are locked, the back entrance will no longer be an entrance. If late, students are required to park at Sacred Heart Church and walk in the front entrance.

Parents/visitors are allowed but will be required to wear a mask. Parents need to call ahead for an appointment and must enter through the front door #3.

There will be a drop box for payments of tuition and lunch money inside the foyer.

Classroom Set-Up and Distancing

Desks and table spacing 3 ft away from each other where possible; group work will be on-line in class as well as labs.

Recording lessons, live virtual classrooms will be at the discretion of the teacher.

Assigned seating for all classes

PE

Masks will be worn during PE classes.

Equipment will be sanitized after each use.

Adjustment to PE curriculum will be addressed to avoid any physical contact exercises.

Cafeteria

There will be 2 scheduled lunch periods- A & B lunches. The lunches will have 2 different locations: the cafeteria and concession stand area. When weather permits, students will be allowed to eat outside.

There will be assigned seating in the lunch areas and seats will be assigned 3 ft apart. Students will be called to get in line to avoid students standing in the hallway.

Morning breakfast items or after school purchases from the cafeteria will be available to the students and staff.

The use of the cafeteria microwave and the storage of items in the cafeteria refrigerator will be allowed at this time.

Transportation

Masks must be worn at all times.

Dixon Bus route will run normal routes. Students will be spaced with assigned seating to maintain social distancing rules.

Buses will be sanitized after each use. Bus driver will clean once students have exited the bus.

Hand sanitizer will be available to students when entering and leaving the bus.

Schedule

Students will have assigned lockers.

1 st Block	8:00 a.m. - 9:23 a.m. - 1st Block	
2 nd Block	9:26 a.m. - 10:44 a.m. - 2nd Block	
3 rd Block	10:44 a.m. - 11:14 a.m. - A Lunch	11:17 a.m. - 12:35 p.m. - class
3 rd Block	10:47 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. - class	12:05 p.m. - 12:35 p.m. - B Lunch
4 th Block	12:38 p.m. - 2:06 p.m.	
Study Hall	2:09 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	
2:45 - Bus departs		

Students will clean their desks while the teacher is taking attendance.

Teachers will be available from 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. by appointment to assist with students who need extra assistance.

WACC students may enter the building after 2:30 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change with the ever evolving situation.

Restroom use will be allowed during class time and during passing periods.

If we should return to Remote Learning, here is Newman Central Catholic High School's Plan:

Remote Learning Days

Remote days will be utilized on occasions when school is cancelled due to inclement weather or other unexpected closures. While traditional instruction is always our goal, Remote Learning will allow for little or minimal disruption to the instructional process with school closures by making those out-of-school days as educationally productive and engaging as possible. Remote Learning involves the use of technology, such as a computer, Chromebook, or other technical devices, to access teacher prepared lessons or instructions that students will complete while away from the school building. In the event an Remote Learning needs to be used the following will occur:

1. Students are expected to be actively engaged based on the following schedule:

Remote Learning A/B Schedule

First Hour	8:00-9:00
Second Hour	9:30-10:30
Third Hour	11:00-12:00
Fourth Hour	12:30-1:30
Office Hour	2:00-3:00

2. Each student will complete the check-in Google Form for their class and receive their assignment and/or instructions for each of their classes through each of their Google Classrooms.
3. Each teacher will have the flexibility to determine if the assignment will be due the same day, next day or later in the week.
4. Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to contact their teachers during their scheduled office hour between 2:00-3:00 P.M. If that time frame does not work, please contact that teacher to set up an alternate time to meet via phone, email, or Google Meet.
5. If circumstances occur which prevent the student from checking-in on the announced Remote Learning Day, a parent will need to call the attendance line just as they would do if the student was to be absent that school day. If the student does not take part in the Remote Learning Day, the absence will be accumulated as normal and all make-up work is expected to be completed within the appropriate grace period by the school for an absence. Regular attendance policies still apply.
6. Individual households with internet issues are strongly encouraged to address these concerns with the teacher and school at the beginning of the school year or as they emerge during the course of the year.
7. Students that are having difficulties with their internet connectivity may park in the front or back parking lot in order to connect to the Newman WiFi. Students are expected to stay within their vehicle.

Google Meet Norms

Camera on portrait view, face visible for the camera

Mic off until prompted to speak

Seated and dressed in an educationally appropriate manner

School appropriate Academic setting, school appropriate etiquette

Expected to contribute honestly

First Hour Prayer led by teacher

Extracurriculars

Extracurriculars will be offered - for athletics Newman will follow the regulations and guidelines as shared by the IHSA, IDPH and ISBE.

Newman utilizes NFHS for individuals to view games and events online. This will be offered again for those who think it may be risky to attend in person events. There is a cost to the subscriber.

Cleaning and Sanitization

The building will be deep cleaned regularly before students arrive each morning.

Mass

Mass will be offered and we will follow the Diocese plan of "In God's Presence".

Masks will be worn at Mass.

Infectious Disease

Signage will be placed in entrances noting that persons may not enter the building if they have any currently known symptoms of COVID-19 or other infectious disease, such as:

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| ❖ Fever | Sore throat |
| ❖ Cough | New loss of taste or smell |
| ❖ Shortness of breath | Congestion or runny nose |
| ❖ Difficulty breathing | Nausea |
| ❖ Chills | Vomiting |
| ❖ Fatigue | Diarrhea |
| ❖ Muscle and body aches | Headache |

When students are reported absent, school personnel will request specific information and ask about COVID-19 exposure and/or diagnoses.

COVID-19 diagnoses and exposure cases will be reported to the local health department.

The school will follow the ISBE, IDPH, CDC guidelines for students who were suspected of having COVID-19 whether they were tested or not, which state that 72 hours must elapse from the resolution of fever without fever-reducing medication and 10 days must pass after symptoms first appeared.

Students diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19 will be tracked. Tracking methods include checking in with the school nurse/principal/superintendent upon returning to school to verify the resolution of the symptoms and that any other criteria for the quarantine have been met.

Procedures for Individual with Potential Infectious Disease (Covid, Influenza, etc)

Staff and students should not come to school if they are ill. They should notify the school that they are ill and will not attend that day. If COVID or other infectious disease is suspected, they are to stay home until they are cleared by a medical professional. If they become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with

COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case, they are to contact the Principal as soon as possible, so contact tracing can begin.

Sick staff members or students should not return until they have met CDC/Local Health Department's criteria to discontinue home isolation and/or written release from a medical provider.

Procedure if someone comes down with infectious disease symptoms at school

Immediately separate staff and children with COVID-19 symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) at school. Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility depending on the severity of their symptoms.

If a student is identified as potentially having an infectious disease, either by reporting symptoms or reporting that they have been in contact with a potential/diagnosed ill individual, they will be immediately removed from the general population and put in the designated isolation area. School administration will contact the parents to come pick them up as well as notify the health department if a COVID exposure is suspected.

The isolation area will be in the office area. It has an extra office where the student can remain socially distant from others as well as anyone supervising them prior to parent pick up. The room can be controlled to avoid exposure. After the individual has left the school, the maintenance staff will initiate cleaning/disinfecting procedures.

If you are calling an ambulance or bringing someone to the hospital, alert them that the person may have COVID-19.

All isolated areas will be cleaned and disinfected after each use per the health department guidelines.

School administrators will work with the local health department and medical providers to identify potential contacts/exposures. In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, school administrators should notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Contact Tracing and Quarantine

Contact tracing involves identifying people who have a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 and people who they came in contact with (close contacts) and working with them to interrupt disease spread. This includes asking people with COVID-19 to isolate and their contacts to quarantine at home voluntarily. Fully vaccinated persons who remain asymptomatic and those with documented COVID-19 infection within the past 90 days are excluded from quarantine. However, the new CDC guidance recommends that fully vaccinated persons test three to five days after the known exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result.

For teachers, staff and adults in the indoor K-12 classroom setting, CDC defines a close contact as an individual not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. According to the new CDC close contact definition, classroom students who were within 3 to 6 feet of the infected

student are not treated as close contacts as long as both the infected student and exposed student were engaged in consistent and correct use of a well-fitting mask and other K-12 school prevention strategies. In other words, only classroom contacts within 3 feet require quarantine as long as both the case and the contact were consistently masked. If they were not consistently masked, then close contacts are classroom students who were within 6 feet of the infected student for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

In general, individuals who are solely exposed to a confirmed case while outdoors should not be considered close contacts.

The infectious period of close contact begins two calendar days before the onset of symptoms (for a symptomatic person) or two calendar days before the positive sample was obtained (for an asymptomatic person). If the case was symptomatic (e.g., coughing, sneezing), persons with briefer periods of exposure may also be considered contacts, as determined by local health departments. Persons who have had lab-confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days or those fully vaccinated who remain asymptomatic, according to CDC guidelines, are not required to quarantine if identified as a close contact to a confirmed case.

Options for Unvaccinated Students to return from Quarantine - IDPH Guidelines

The local health department will make the final determination on who is to be quarantined and for how long. They also may determine that a close contact is not a candidate for modified quarantine due to a high-risk exposure (e.g., sustained close contact without masking).

- **Option 1:** Quarantine at home for 14 calendar days. Date of last exposure is considered day 0.
- **Option 2:** Quarantine for 10 calendar days after the close contact's last exposure to the COVID-19 case. Date of last exposure is considered day 0.
 - The individual may end quarantine after day 10 if no symptoms of COVID-19 developed during daily monitoring.
 - SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing is recommended and may be required by the local health department.
 - The individual can maintain physical distance and masking at all times when returning to school; for classrooms where masking is strictly adhered to, physical distance of 3 to 6 feet is acceptable for return.
- **Option 3:** Quarantine period is for seven calendar days after the last exposure if:
 - No symptoms developed during daily monitoring AND the individual has a negative SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test (PCR) that was collected within 48 hours of exposure day 7 (starting on day 6 or after).
 - The individual is responsible for obtaining a copy of the negative results for documentation purposes.
 - The individual can maintain physical distance and masking at all times when returning to school; for classrooms where masking is strictly adhered to, physical distance of 3 to 6 feet is acceptable for return.
- **Option 4:** Test to Stay Strategy, as has been documented by CDC, if schools test close contacts, as defined above, on days one, three, five, and seven from date of exposure by a PCR or rapid antigen or molecular emergency use authorization (EUA)-approved test, close contacts are permitted to remain in the classroom as long as the results are negative. (See IDPH's Interim Guidance on Testing for COVID-19 in Community Settings and Schools for specific details on testing in schools.)
 - Test to Stay is only applicable when both the COVID-19-confirmed student and close contact were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks and the

school requires universal indoor masking for all individuals (age 2 and older), regardless of vaccination status, as recommended by the CDC.

- Test to Stay may be used for any indoor exposure, with the exception of household exposures.
- Students engaged in Test to Stay after an exposure may participate in extracurricular activities. Local health departments have the authority to order a classroom-only Test to Stay protocol after assessing the risk of an individual situation.
- Because students engaged in the Test to Stay protocol were exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19, they must wear a mask while indoors at school, regardless of the mask policy at school.
- However, if the close contact is identified five days or more from the date of exposure, adjust testing accordingly, ideally on days five and seven after the last exposure.
- When testing in the outlined cadence is not possible due to weekends and holidays, students should be tested at the earliest possible opportunity.
- At the conclusion of the Test to Stay modified quarantine period, the school should notify the local health department that the student has successfully completed testing and remained negative.
- Local health departments have the authority to assess high-risk exposures and order a traditional quarantine without the option for Test to Stay.
- If at any time the student tests positive or becomes symptomatic, they should be immediately isolated and sent home, and the local health department notified.

Regardless of when an individual ends quarantine, daily symptom monitoring should continue through calendar day 14 after the exposure. Individuals should continue to adhere to recommended mitigation strategies, including proper and consistent mask use, physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough hygiene, environmental cleaning and disinfection, avoiding crowds and sick people, and ensuring adequate indoor ventilation. **If any symptoms develop during or after quarantine, the individual should immediately self-isolate and contact their local health department or healthcare provider to report their symptoms.** The health department can provide guidance on how to safely quarantine and isolate within the household.