

Frequently Asked Questions- Newport Families

What are the instructional options for my child this school year?

Parents/guardians will have options for their child this school year.

1. Hybrid Model- Students may attend classes in person two days per week and participate virtually three days per week. Students may be in A Group (Monday and Tuesday in person/at school) or B Group (Thursday and Friday in person/at school)
2. Students may choose a virtual model where they stay at home and learn online in real time.

Return to school as normal will be based on guidance from the Kentucky Department of Public Health

Once we pick an option, do we have to keep it?

We ask that once you have chosen an instructional model for your family for the 2020-2021 school year that you stay with that model. Changes may be made for valid need. Newport Independent Schools will be as flexible as possible. Families may formally request changes beginning October 1st. The change request form will close on October 9th. Changes will be based on the capacity of the individual classrooms to maintain social distancing, the needs of the school, the needs of the students, and the needs of the family. Any changes made will be communicated by the individual school and would take effect on October 26th.

Change requests will be taken for second semester learning updates. The change request forms will open on December 1st and will close on December 11th.

Does my child have to wear a mask at school?

Yes. All students and staff are required to wear a mask even when social distancing is possible. This includes on the bus and when moving throughout hallways and classrooms. Students will be given mask breaks and outdoor space will be utilized weather permitting. Masks are not required during meals.

What if my child can't wear a mask due to a medical condition?

In order for a mask requirement to be waived, the parent/guardian must provide the school with a letter from a licensed medical professional. The letter must include the following:

Student name

Date of birth

Medical reason the student cannot wear a mask

Signature, printed name of physician

The letter must be dated and on physician letterhead.

What happens if my child or member of our family shows symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19?

Newport Independent has implemented a COVID - 19 Decision Tree to guide decisions regarding positive or potential cases of COVID- 19 for students and staff. When in doubt, call your child's school so that we may assist you in determining action.

What happens if a staff member or another student who may have had contact with my child tests positive or shows symptoms of COVID-19?

The Newport Independent Decision Tree will offer guidance in this case as well. Parents/guardians will receive a letter notifying them if their child may have been in contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19. If the contact with the COVID-19 positive person requires the need for specific measures to be taken, then you will be notified directly by school personnel and/or local health officials.

My child has tested positive positive for Covid- 19. What must I do?

Any student diagnosed with COVID-19, had direct contact with someone that has a lab confirmed case of COVID19, or has suspected exposure or symptoms of COVID-19 will need to remain at home. Notify the school of the current situation. The Healthy at School Team determines absent event type. Please refer to the NISD Decision Tree.

A parent, legal guardian, or other person or agency responsible for a student must notify the student's Principal within 24 hours if a student tests positive for COVID-19. Students testing positive and not exhibiting symptoms may participate virtually. Students testing positive and exhibiting symptoms will be assisted by the school on an individual basis to determine a learning plan.