



**NEWMARK**

Education

Fall 2022

Dear Newmark Parents,

Newmark is pleased to begin the 2022-2023 school year free from most of the COVID-19 protocols that were mandated over the past two years. The latest guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health and the United States Centers for Disease Control move away from individual case reporting and contact tracing to more normal procedures for illness.

In the event of a COVID-19 outbreak, our Leadership team will work with our partners in the Department of Health to determine an appropriate response. However, that response will likely be initially limited to the context of an outbreak.

We will continue to implement some precautionary measures. For example, we continue to stress that personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette are essential, and will continue to make hand sanitizing gel available in all classrooms and other locations throughout Newmark.

#### **School Schedule and General Protocols**

- **Daily Home Wellness** screenings will remain in place. You will receive a reminder to complete your daily Wellness Screening Form BEFORE 8:00 AM each morning from Newmark. Please login to your new Newmark PowerSchool Parent Portal to complete the Daily Wellness Screening (under “Forms”). [View how to access](#). Any student with symptoms should not be sent to school that day and the school should be notified.
- **Lunch** will be provided in our café with individually bagged options and students may sit at a two or four-person table.
- Students will be able to use a **Newmark device** at home as needed, but the parent must complete the *Acceptable Use Agreement* on the PowerSchool Parent Portal under “Forms”. This is mainly for students who do not have a device at home for class projects and Independent Practice. Laptop bags will be provided for carrying purposes. *This form must be updated annually.*
- Maintenance Team will continue to **clean and sanitize** the school building and continue monitoring the school’s state of the art ventilating system.
- In the event that a child or adult does have a **positive COVID-19 test result**, they are required to stay out of school for at least five full days from the onset of symptoms (or the date of the test, if asymptomatic), and mask around others for an additional five days after return to school. We ask that everyone at Newmark continue to take symptoms seriously and exercise precautions to ensure that everyone in our community remains safe.
- If a staff member or student has had a close contact exposure to COVID-19 outside of school and if the exposure is a household contact, a mask will need to be worn at school for 10 days as a precaution. If they are close contact and the individual does NOT live in the home then masking for 5 days is required. In

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- any and all cases, the school nurse should be notified through the [covid@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:covid@newmarkeducation.com) email.
- A copy of your child's **Vaccination Cards** should be sent to Nurse Carroll ([ecarroll@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:ecarroll@newmarkeducation.com)) to have on file. At this time, fully vaccinated staff and students are not required to quarantine.

### **Masks – Optional**

Masks are optional at Newmark. Newmark will base decisions on reinstating mask wearing on site if there is an outbreak of COVID-19 (or any other communicable disease).

### **Instructional Delivery for Remote Learning**

Students who are subject to quarantine due to having a diagnosed case of COVID will be allowed to participate remotely to maintain school work as long as they feel well enough to participate. If they do NOT feel well enough, parents should email [absence@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:absence@newmarkeducation.com) alerting the office that the student will NOT be attending school remotely that day.

For remote learning, teachers will check in with students at the beginning of each period, assign the lesson and check in at the end of the class period to determine lesson completion, questions or concerns. Teachers will use their discretion in determining whether the student needs to be on LIVE instruction for the entire class period based on the lesson being taught. Speech and Counseling sessions will be held at the students regularly scheduled time. Occupational Therapy and Physical Education will post activities for the student to complete while they are home.

LIVE remote instruction is NOT provided for those who are unable to come to school because of any other reason besides having COVID-19. There are no exceptions to this.

### **COVID Questions**

Any and all COVID questions or reports must be emailed to [covid@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:covid@newmarkeducation.com).

We are grateful for our partnerships with state and local agencies, and with the parents in our community. We are very appreciative of the students and staff that come to Newmark every day, and thankful for the care that they show one another. We will continue to keep parents updated of any changes and we can't wait to see our students on Wednesday, September 7, 2022!

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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