



Newark Community High School

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Welcome Newark Community High School Learning Community to the 2022-23 school year. As we continue to adapt to our "new normal" during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, it is important that we continue to stay vigilant to be able to keep Newark High School functioning in the most normal way possible.

This year we have made some changes to our Covid-19 protocols. This summer the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) fully adopted the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for pk-12 schools. As an administration, we have reviewed the guidance and consulted with the Kendall County Health Department to follow appropriate procedures related to Covid-19.

This year at NCHS:

- Masks will be optional at school and on district busses;
- 1 way traffic in the hallways has been removed;
- Hand sanitizer and other sanitizing material will continue to be available in hallways, bathrooms and classrooms.

It is imperative that if your child is sick that you do not send your child to school. Please call them in absent at 815-695-5164 and our nurse, Amanda Yunker, will follow up regarding next steps for your child.

The district has access to tests and is able to provide this service free of charge. Please call the school nurse (ext 229) to request and schedule a Rapid Covid Antigen test. This service is offered to all students and staff who are exhibiting symptoms consistent with Covid-19 infection. If you choose not to have your child tested at school, a negative test from a healthcare provider or a doctor's note allowing your student to return is required. In the event your student is not tested for Covid-19 or has not been released by a doctor, the student will be excluded from school for 5 days from the onset of symptoms. The district is unable to accept negative at home tests for the purposes of returning a student to school.

If your child has tested positive for Covid-19, they will need to be out of school for a minimum of 5 days from their onset of symptoms or a positive test. They may return after the five days if in the last 24 hours they had NO symptoms and NO use of fever reducers such as Tylenol, Motrin. If they continue to have symptoms after day 5 the nurse will work with you to determine a return date. Once a student returns to school it is recommended that they wear a mask for the next 5 calendar days.

If there is a positive case in the school, we will inform families of students who might have been in close contact with that student at school. At this time, close contacts are not required to be excluded from school. We will inform you of their possible exposure to Covid-19 and request that you monitor them for symptoms. If they do become symptomatic, please call the school and report their absence, then you will receive a follow up call from the nurse.

The nature of Covid might require the district to adjust these protocols during the school year. If changes to the protocols were required, the school will inform our learning community to any changes. If you'd like to discuss this in further detail, please feel free to reach out to us with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Ed Boswell
Superintendent

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Principal

"Success is achieved by cooperation in teaching and learning."