

## New Miami Local School District 2020-2021 Reopening Plan

**PREFACE:** All Ohio schools closed for the remainder of the school calendar beginning on March 16, 2020, by order of Governor DeWine and the State of Ohio Health Commissioner in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In early June little guidance was available from the Ohio Department of Education regarding guidelines for school re-opening for the 2020-21 school year. School district superintendents from each public school district in Butler County, along with the Butler County Educational Service Center, and Butler Tech, came together to plan for schools reopening.

The New Miami Local School District intends to begin the 2020-2021 school year with all students attending school on a regular basis beginning September 8, 2020. The District has been working in collaboration with the Butler County Health Department to develop guiding principles that must be followed as we move forward with the reopening plan for school.

All parents and students must understand that everything will not be the same as it was pre-COVID-19 pandemic. Safety precautions will be in place and will change procedures in the areas of: transportation, food service, hand washing and use of sanitizers, social distancing, personal protective equipment, health screenings, hallways, cafeterias, visitors, recess, field trips, and remote learning. This listing is not all inclusive, but gives you an idea of what is to be expected.

We ask for your understanding and patience as we navigate through this time to have students attending school daily in a safe and conducive environment for educational purposes.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Respectfully, Rhonda Parker New Miami Local Schools

#### These principles are specific to the New Miami Local School District:

The New Miami Local School District is informing you of the safety protocols and plan for reopening in the Fall of 2020 that are in place, but any student or staff member who attends school will incur some level of risk. We will decrease the likelihood of infection with hygiene, cleaning, and safety procedures, but being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated.

#### Communications when a student/staff member is diagnosed with a COVID-19 positive case

- The Butler County Health Department will contact the school nurse of the school district.
  - √ The school district will cooperate with the Health Department's work in social tracing.
  - √ 14-day quarantine will be required of any student/staff who tests positive with COVID-19 and anyone who is determined to have "exposure" as determined by the Butler County Health Department.

#### Student health issues that are NOT diagnosed as COVID-19

• The duration of home stay for a child sent home with a fever is fever free (without medication) for 72 hours (three full days) AND improvement of all other symptoms for 72 hours.

#### Student health issues that ARE diagnosed as COVID-19

- If a student tests positive for Covid-19, they and their families must be quarantined for 14 days. The Health Department will perform all contact tracing.
- To return to school the child must be transported to school by the parent. Child must be checked by the school nurse. Temperature will be taken and a COVID-19 symptom checklist completed prior to return class.

Topic	Guidance	Communication
Transportation	<ul> <li>Two students to a seat some instances three students, if children are smaller and space allows</li> <li>Attempt to seat siblings together</li> <li>Seating charts to assist with contact tracing if needed</li> <li>Face masks required for bus drivers</li> <li>Face masks strongly recommended for students.</li> </ul>	First Student Transportation and NMLSD will communicate expectations to the families and students via social media and/or letters.

	<ul> <li>Open windows (weather permitting) to allow ventilation</li> <li>Load students from back to front.</li> </ul>	
Screenings	<ul> <li>Staff will take temperature and selfassess using COVID-19 symptom checklist every day and document findings.</li> <li>Students may have temperatures taken at school by staff.</li> <li>Students will be asked to take their temperature prior to arrival each day and will be asked to stay home if they have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or have any symptoms associated to COVID-19.</li> </ul>	Parent/Guardian will be asked to take their child's temperature and assess for COVID-19 symptoms using a symptom checklist before sending them to school.
PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)	Staff will be required to wear face coverings/masks when there is a possibility of less than 6 ft. distance between them and others.      Students will be highly recommended to wear	
Visitors	<ul> <li>face coverings/masks</li> <li>Visitors are required to take temps before entering the building.</li> <li>Visitors will be required to wear masks</li> <li>Visitors will be limited to by appointment only.</li> <li>No deliveries of food, drinks, or other items to staff/students, including for birthday celebrations. No sharing of food or drinks.</li> </ul>	There are different levels of school visitors, and the district will make decisions for each situation.
Food Service	• 50% capacity	4th/5th separate cafeteria for

	<ul> <li>No self-serve</li> <li>Individual condiments</li> <li>Prepackaged breakfast served at tables</li> </ul>	breakfast
Field Trips	<ul> <li>Lunches will be served</li> <li>No Overnight Field Trips</li> <li>No Elementary Field Trips</li> <li>Secondary Field Trips limited with safety protocols.</li> </ul>	
Extra-curricular Activities	<ul> <li>Band Camp/Practice -         students 6 ft. apart.         Playing only their         instrument.</li> <li>Sports - 6 ft. apart.         Equipment sanitized.</li> </ul>	Coaches complete a planning sheet of using equipment and how it is being sanitized.
Classroom Occupancy	<ul> <li>Classroom occupancy will be determined based on each individual circumstance with the maximum amount of safety consideration possible.</li> <li>Face coverings are strongly recommended for students</li> <li>Staff will be required to use a face covering when they are within six feet of student(s).</li> </ul>	District will inform parents that safety protocols are in place, but any student who attends school will incur some level of risk. Districts will decrease the likelihood of infection with hygiene, cleaning, and safety procedures, but being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated.
Remote Learning	<ul> <li>Based on individual needs and family requests.</li> <li>Students will not be permitted to go in and out of remote learning.</li> <li>Staff will be required to</li> </ul>	

Hallways	wear masks in the hallways.  • Students will be strongly recommended to wear masks.	
Recess	<ul> <li>Every effort to maintain consistency with safety procedures.</li> <li>Limited access to certain pieces of playground equipment and restrict activities that are high touch and difficult to clean or maintain social distancing.</li> <li>Structured recess activities such as nature walks that limit students' physical contact with others will be recommended.</li> <li>Students must sanitize their hands after recess.</li> </ul>	Parents may opt out of recess
Handwashing	Staff and Students will clean their hands before and after class periods, after restroom use, after recess, and before eating either by hand washing or using hand sanitizer stations in the classroom, hallway, or cafeteria.	
High Risk Students	Individual plans will be made for students.	Communicate with individual families with high risk students on educational plans.

\*This plan is subject to change depending on ever changing guidance from State and Local authorities, including Hamilton City, Middletown City, and Butler County Health Commissioners.

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# **New Miami Local Schools**

### 2020-2021 School Calendar

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			Early F	Release	e Days		

First Day for Students
Parent Teacher Conferences

Midterm
End of Quarter

\*181 Teacher Days/4 Conferences
\*Student hours = 1066 (164 days)

August 17 - September 4 Teacher Workdays	January 27 End of 2nd Quarter
September 7 Labor Day	February 15 President's Day
September 8 First Day for Students	February 26 Midterm
October 2 Midterm	March 2 and 4 Parent Teacher Conferences
October 6 and 8 Parent Teacher Conferences	April 1 End of 3rd Quarter
November 3 Teacher Workday	April 2 - 9 Spring Break
November 4 End of 1st Quarter	April 30 Midterm
November 23-27 Thanksgiving Break	May 25-27 Early Release Day
December 11 Midterm	May 27 End of Quarter/Last Day for Students
December 21 - January 1 Christmas Break	May 28 Teacher Work Day/Last Day for Teachers
January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

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