

New Bremen Local Schools Reopening Plan

Dear Parents,

We are excited to have your children back to school for in-person learning. This reopening plan has been created to help keep students and staff as safe as possible. Please understand social distancing will take place as often as possible, but is not possible at all times throughout the school day. All students and staff members attending school will assume some risk simply from being in a public setting. **All parents and caregivers should have plans in place if blended or remote learning is necessary at any point throughout the 2020-2021 school year.**

Face Coverings:

New Bremen Local Schools has adopted a policy regarding protective facial coverings during pandemic events. This policy as well as an exemption form is available on the New Bremen Schools Webpage. Students will not be required to wear masks at recess, while actively eating or drinking, or during physical education. Students will be given opportunities for mask breaks at the discretion of teachers when social distancing can be observed.

Visitors:

New Bremen Local Schools will limit visitors from entering the building. Any visitor entering the building will be required to wear a face covering. Any visitor needing to go beyond the office will be asked to schedule an appointment prior to arrival. If going beyond the office, a temperature check will be conducted by the secretary. If the visitor's temperature exceeds 100.0°F they will be asked to leave the building. Meetings are encouraged to be held virtually.

Classrooms:

Classroom desks and furniture will be arranged in a manner that allows for the most social distancing possible. Students will have assigned seats. Desks and other high touch areas will be sanitized on a regular basis throughout the day. We will work to limit the number of shared items. Technology-safe wipes will be available for all Chromebook and iPad carts. Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom. Additionally, teachers will be asked to conduct lessons outdoors when practical and keep classroom doors open to maximize airflow and limit touches on door handles.

Assessing for Symptoms:

In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, New Bremen Local Schools is asking for each parent/caregiver to assess student symptoms prior to leaving for school each day. We ask that the following symptoms are looked for each morning:

fever or chills	cough	shortness of breath	fatigue and body aches
headaches	sore throat	congestion	loss of smell/taste
runny nose	diarrhea	nausea or vomiting	

In addition, we ask that the temperature of each student is taken at home. If a student's temperature exceeds 100.0°F, please keep them at home for the day to monitor COVID-like symptoms. If symptoms persist, please seek medical attention. Please notify the school if you are keeping your child at home for any of these reasons.

School Illness:

Students needing to see the school nurse/secretary for any type of illness will be required to wear a face covering.

Students who exhibit COVID-like symptoms while at school will be taken to an isolated location to receive additional screening from the school nurse or secretary. **If it is determined that a student is displaying COVID-like symptoms and needs to be taken home, parents are asked to pick up their child within 30 minutes.**

Returning to School:

Persons not exposed to COVID, but displaying COVID-like symptoms will be permitted to return to school after:

- **24 hours fever-free without the use of any fever reducing medication and improved symptoms; or**
- **Differential diagnosis from a doctor; or**
- **Negative COVID test result and improved symptoms**

Persons exposed to COVID with no COVID-like symptoms will be permitted to return to school after:

- **14 days from their last day of exposure to COVID; or**
- **As advised by the Health Department**

Persons exposed to COVID with COVID-like symptoms will be permitted to return to school after:

- **Ten days from the first day of exhibiting symptoms; and**
- **24 hours fever-free without the use of any fever reducing medication and improved symptoms; or**
- **As advised by the Health Department**

Persons testing positive for COVID will be permitted to return to school after:

- **They are cleared by the Health Department or doctor and ten days have passed since last positive test; and**
- **24 hours fever-free without the use of any fever reducing medication and improved symptoms**

New Bremen Schools will work in collaboration and advisement of the Health Department.

Field Trips:

For the time being, New Bremen Schools will be eliminating any field trips.

Transportation:

New Bremen Schools will continue to provide bus transportation to and from school for qualifying students. Masks will be required with assigned seating by the bus driver. Siblings and children that attend the same babysitter will be seated together. Buses will be sanitized on a daily basis by the bus drivers. **Students who are not regular riders will not be permitted to ride the bus, nor will regular bus riders be permitted to ride the bus home with another student.**

Before School:

K-6 School Day will be from 8:15-3:05

7-12 School Day will be from 8:20-3:10

Students who are transported by parents can be dropped off at the front of the high school or elementary building.

Parents are asked not to drop their child off before 8:05. Students who are riding a bus will be dropped off behind the elementary building. On the first day of school, teachers will greet elementary students to assist them to their classrooms.

Lunch:

New Bremen Schools will continue to provide staff and students with quality lunch items. There are several changes to note. There will be a Crimson Lunch Line and Gold Lunch line as explained in the Cardinal Newsletter and on the September menu. Student accounts will be charged using a personal swipe card as opposed to typing in their identification number. We will be utilizing both the High School Commons as well as the Elementary Dining area to maintain social distancing. Students will be expected to sit in the same seat each day.

Recess:

Students must wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after recess.

Class Transition:

Students in grades 7-12 will be allowed to carry a bookbag to their classes. Students are encouraged to carry supplies for multiple periods at a time to promote social distancing at their lockers.

Drinking Fountains:

Traditional drinking fountains throughout the school will be turned off during the school day. Students must bring in water bottles that may be filled at our bottle stations.

Birthday Treats

Elementary students may bring in birthday treats; however, they must be prepackaged and not require refrigeration.

Public Walking Hours:

The traditional walking hours put in place for the public will not be offered at this time.