

NEW LONDON



RESTART PLAN

2020-2021

LOCAL SCHOOLS

PREFACE

Dear New London Families,

After months of research, planning, listening and dialogue, the Board of Education and administrative leadership team at New London Local Schools has finalized our Reset/Restart Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. The specific details of our comprehensive plan can be found throughout the pages of this document. It is our hope that families and caregivers will invest time to thoroughly read and study the plan as its components detail all essential school operations and expectations beginning this fall.

Last spring, schools across Ohio closed their doors by order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since that time, school leaders have been tasked with dissecting the many components of a potential reopening. Here at New London, our guiding principle has never been in question. The health, safety and welfare of our students has remained at the forefront of our planning from the beginning. While the future of PreK-12 education in Ohio remains unclear as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times, our commitment to this principle will not waiver.

Continuing to keep children physically out of school could have long-term academic, social and emotional consequences. Simply put, the benefits associated with reopening school buildings outweigh the risks of a continued school closure. New London Local Schools is committed to returning to face-to-face instruction for the 2020-2021 school year with enhanced safety protocols in place. We will respond according to the status of Huron County's colored level in Ohio's Public Health Advisory Alert System as we move throughout the school year. Additionally, we will decrease the likelihood of infection with enhanced hygiene, cleaning and safety protocols. Certainly, interacting in a public place has a level of risk that cannot be eliminated. Students who attend school will incur some level of risk. We will, however, work tirelessly to mitigate this as much as possible.

We will continue to remain flexible and adaptive during these unprecedented times and look forward to continuing to serve the students and families of this incredible district.

Sincerely,

Brad Romano, Superintendent
New London Local Schools

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

New London Local Schools will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible.

New London Local Schools will work closely with the Huron County Department of Health to promote safety in all school facilities.

New London Local Schools will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school employees occupy school district facilities.

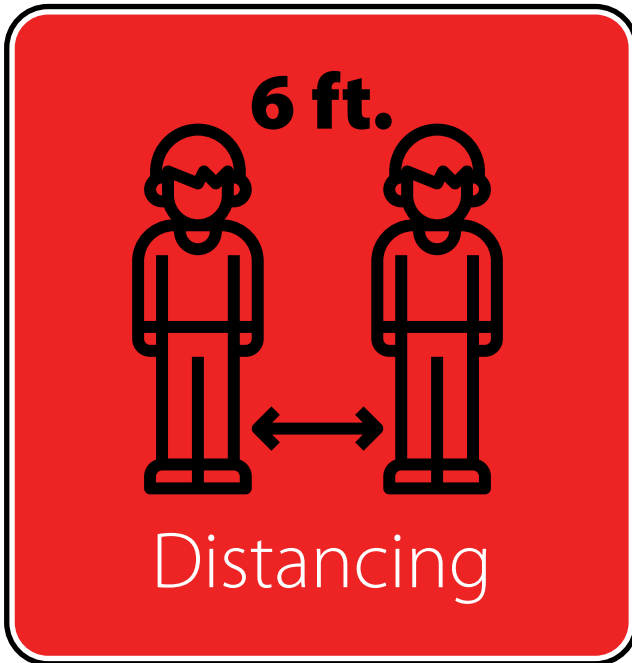
New London Local Schools plan to maintain their previously approved school calendars with some possible front-loading of employee professional development.

New London Local Schools will take steps to ensure quality student learning will continue despite rolling short-term closures or extended school closures.

New London Local Schools will take whatever steps are necessary to physically remain open despite COVID-19 spikes, moving to our Cohort Remote Learning Model and enacting stricter safety protocols if necessary to avoid a complete school closure.

New London Local Schools recognize the need for consistency in all areas of operations while acknowledging that individual differences in classroom sizes, school facilities, and building operations may lead to some inconsistencies. As a general rule of thumb, each wing of our building commits to adhere to the four main safety protocols (pg. 4) and do their best to transfer these principles to all school environments.

MAIN SAFETY PROTOCOLS



LEARNING OPTIONS

To begin the 2020-21 school year, families will *individually* choose one of the following learning options. **Students must complete their preferred method of instruction once a selection is made and WILL NOT be permitted to change before the start of the second semester.**

Families may choose to return to traditional, in-person learning OR continue/begin online learning at the beginning of the second semester.



OPTION 1:

In-Person
Learning

Includes:

4:1 Hybrid Model, Remote Cohort Model and Remote Learning (see pgs. 5-11)

OR



OPTION 2:

100% Online
Learning

Includes:

New London Digital Academy
(see pg. 12)


Those interested in the 100% Online Option MUST register online prior to August 21, 2020.

NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL'S MODELS ALIGNED TO COUNTY'S HEALTH ADVISORY ALERT SYSTEM

STATE OF OHIO HEALTH ALERT SYSTEM

	LEVEL 1 YELLOW	LEVEL 2 ORANGE	LEVEL 3 RED	LEVEL 4 PURPLE
	Active exposure & spread. Follow all current health orders.	Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.	Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.
LOCAL IMPACT	Some risk of exposure and spread. 100% return to school in the physical building and classroom. Parents and students realize they assume some level of risk. Athletics carry some risk. (4:1 Hybrid Model)		Very high risk of exposure and spread. M/T - TH/F cohort-based remote learning model implemented. Athletics cancelled. (Remote Cohort Model)	Severe exposure and spread. 100% remote learning model implemented. Athletics cancelled. (Remote Model)

4:1 HYBRID FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Students K-12	In-Person Learning	In-Person Learning	Remote Learning	In-Person Learning	In-Person Learning

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

While the scope of need is challenging to predict, New London Local Schools recognize that there will be an ongoing need for an online platform to deliver instruction during the 2020-21 school year.

i.e. students needing to quarantine, possible mandated closures, students with health risks

Maintaining a day of remote instruction for students allows for continued improvement in remote learning.

A four day in-person week provides the time for teachers to collaborate and plan to improve our remote instruction methods while also providing in-person instruction.

This model allows us to plan for better sanitation while addressing the financial impact of COVID-19.

4:1 HYBRID FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION PROTOCOLS



Transportation

- Drivers must wear a facial covering.
- No student will be permitted in the seat behind the driver.
- Students will sit in assigned seats to assist with contact tracing if needed.
- Whenever possible, students will board in such a way to minimize passing each other.
 - i.e. loading back to front on the a.m. route and exiting front to back on the p.m. route.
- Two students per seat.
 - District will attempt to seat siblings together.
- Students in third grade and up will wear a facial covering when riding the bus.
- There will be a daily sanitizing protocol for each bus in the fleet.
- The district will implement a dual route where students that reside outside of the village will be picked up and dropped off before in town students are picked up.



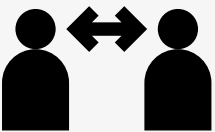
Daily Entry/Exit into School Buildings

- Temperature checks via infrared cameras will occur for students and staff to enter the buildings.
- Wellness checks will be conducted by families and staff at home prior to coming to school. Anyone with a temperature over 100°F or exhibiting other symptoms should stay home.
- Entry and exit to/from buildings will be staggered.



Wearing of Facial Coverings During School

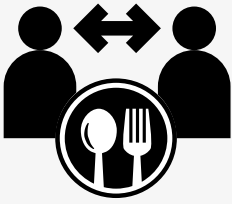
- School staff must wear face masks at all times.
 - Staff are not required to wear face masks when working alone in their assigned work area or when doing so would negatively impact instruction.
- Students in grades PreK-12 are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask throughout the day.
 - Students in grades 3-12 are required to wear face masks while being transported in any district owned vehicles or in common areas such as hallways, restrooms, and cafeteria.
- **The state of Ohio is currently under a mandatory face mask order. If still in effect when school resumes, the governor's order will override local policies.**



Physical Distancing in Classrooms

- Classrooms will operate at full capacity utilizing the maximum amount of space available in the classroom while maximizing safety protocols.
- Unnecessary items will be removed from classrooms to provide more space for distancing.
- Items on walls, tables and shelves will be minimized to aid in creating a more sterile environment and for ease of cleaning purposes.
- Regular hand washing will be encouraged and hand sanitizer will be available.
- Certain educators may move between classrooms rather than students switching classrooms.
- New London Local Schools will inform parents that safety protocols are in place.
- Field trips will be cancelled for the first semester.
- Assemblies, performances and other events will be offered virtually only.
- There will be no events where outside food is brought in.

4:1 HYBRID FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION PROTOCOLS



Physical Distancing in the Cafeteria

- Increase area usage for grade levels in the school cafeteria when possible.
- Increase seating capacity by adding more tables when possible.
- Limit the number of students at each lunch table when possible and staff release students from table for purchases in lunch lines.
- Ensure cleaning and disinfecting of all tables/seats between lunch periods.
- Do not allow guests or visitors to join students for lunch.
- Assign all seating.
- Limit self-serve options.
- Add additional protective barriers for cafeteria staff where needed.



Daily Cleaning of Classrooms and Common Areas

- School staff, along with the help of students, will have increased cleaning responsibilities throughout the school day.



Hallways and Common Areas

- Eliminate the use of lockers to decrease congregating in hallways.
- Required that students wear a face masks when in hallways and common areas.
- Disable traditional water fountains. Bottle refilling stations will remain in use.



Recess

- Districts will make every effort to maintain consistency with all safety protocols.
- New London Local Schools may limit student access to certain pieces of equipment and/or restrict activities that are “high touch” and difficult to clean or maintain social distancing.
- New London Local Schools will implement a “structured” Recess Model that promotes activities such as nature walks that increase time outside while limiting students’ physical contact with others.
- Students will wash or sanitize their hands after recess.
- Entry to/from recess will be staggered to ensure social distancing.



Access to Hand Sanitizer and Washing of Hands

- Teach, remind and encourage frequent hand washing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and in common areas throughout the building.



Guests and Visitors to Schools

- Visitors are generally discouraged from being in school district facilities.
- Safety protocols for visitors will be implemented.
 - Visitors will wear face masks at all times when in school facilities.



Choir/Band Class and Marching Band

- Observe 6 feet or more of physical distancing.
- Encourage outdoor activities when possible.

4:1 HYBRID FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION PROTOCOLS



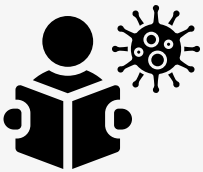
School Offices

- Staff will wear face masks when interacting in close proximity to others.
- Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer will be readily available.
- Visitors will wear a facial covering at all times when in school facilities.
- Protective barriers will be added in offices where needed.



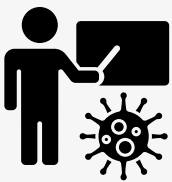
Nurse/Clinic Area

- Ensure the workspace, door handles, countertops, seating areas and restrooms are kept clean and disinfected between students.
- Ensure physical distancing is followed when more than one student is in the clinic area.
- Students with temperatures of 100°F or more should stay home/be sent home.
- Students who are exhibiting symptoms will be isolated.
- Students exhibiting symptoms are required to wear a facial covering until they are picked up by a caregiver.
- Nurse/office staff will wear a facial covering and proper PPE when caring for students.



Students with COVID-19 *Communication will be developed by the Huron County Health Department, not the school district. A common template will be developed to include the following:*

- Parents will be notified which classroom has a confirmed case (ex. Mrs. Smith's class).
- A more generalized statement will be provided to building staff.
- The district will cooperate with the Huron County Health Department's work in contact tracing.
- Fourteen-day quarantine will be required for any student who tests positive for COVID-19 and others as determined by the Health Department.
- Schools will have an isolation room to be used for students exhibiting symptoms until they can be picked-up by a parent or guardian.



Staff with COVID-19

- A staff member diagnosed with COVID-19 must quarantine at home using sick leave for 14 days.
- Staff members must be prepared for a sub (lesson plans, assessments, etc.).
- Parents will be notified of exposed students as directed by the Health Department.
- A more generalized statement will be provided to building staff.
- The district will cooperate with the Huron County Health Department's work in contact tracing.



Student Health Issues that are Not Diagnosed as COVID-19


- A student with a fever must be fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Upon returning to school, the student must report to the school nurse/office staff for a temperature check.



Staff Health Issues that are Not Diagnosed as COVID-19

- A staff member with a fever must be fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning to work.

COHORT BASED REMOTE LEARNING MODEL



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort 1	In-Person Learning	In-Person Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning
Cohort 2	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	In-Person Learning	In-Person Learning

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

New London Local Schools will reduce building capacity by 50% by implementing a Cohort Based Model.

New London Local Schools will maintain family/household units within the same cohort.

Once assigned a cohort, families will not be permitted to change cohorts.

Certain "at risk" and special education students may attend all 5 days

All previously identified protocols protocols (pg 7-9) will remain in effect with additions as seen on page 11.

COHORT BASED REMOTE LEARNING MODEL PROTOCOLS

Transportation

One student per seat, every other seat when possible.

Wearing of Facial Coverings During School

Students in grades PreK-2 are **strongly encouraged** to wear face masks.

Students in grades 3-12 are **required** to wear face masks at all times when at school or while being transported in any district-owned vehicle.

Physical Distancing in Classrooms

6 ft. of social distance will be implemented.

Physical Distancing in the Cafeteria

Students will be further separated (2-4 students per table depending on table size).

Academic Day

New London Local Schools will utilize an early release schedule for each in person day allowing staff ample time to support students that are in remote learning.

100% ONLINE OPTION

New London Digital Academy

Available for grades K-12

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

It is important to us that our students, parents and caregivers have an option of 100% remote learning. As such, students will be provided the opportunity to enroll in the New London Digital Academy. New London Digital Academy students have access to the same outstanding education that is offered in a traditional school setting.

Participation in online learning will be monitored on a **semester basis**. Families may choose to return to traditional, in-person learning OR continue/begin online learning at the beginning of the second semester. **Students must complete their preferred method of instruction once a selection is made and will not be permitted to change before the start of the next semester.**

Students enrolled in New London Digital Academy are exclusively online and will not report to district buildings at any time

Coursework expectations set by New London Local Schools teachers through New London Digital Academy

Curriculum provided by OdysseyWare:

- More than 300 standards-aligned courses and instructional materials in core subjects, electives, and CTE courses
- 100% aligned to Ohio's Content Standards
- Core, elective, AP and dual enrollment course offerings
- NCAA sanctioned courses and curriculum

Special education services provided

Mental health/counseling services provided

Attendance: Participation-based attendance model. Students are encouraged to complete assignments on a routine schedule.

Those interested in the 100% Online Option **MUST** register online at forms.gle/Eo1wL4S7q5p4jKqQA prior to **August 21, 2020**.

For more information, please visit nlschools.org/digitalacademy_home.aspx or contact Superintendent **Brad Romano** at bromano@newlondon.k12.oh.us.

IN-PERSON LEARNING EXPECTATIONS



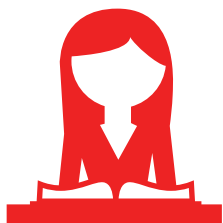
PARENT/CAREGIVER EXPECTATIONS

- Daily temperature and wellness checks prior to school
- Keep children at home when experiencing symptoms
- Thoroughly wash students hands prior to bus ride or transport to school
- Model patience and flexibility with school staff and consistently engage and motivate students toward completion



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Communicate at first onset of feeling unwell
- Maintain 6 ft socially distance while in school
- Sanitize hands before entering buildings and classrooms
- Follow all directional signs in hallways
- Obtain disinfectant wipe or spray when entering classroom to clean desk area



NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOLS STAFF MEMBERS

- Ensure and maintain classroom set up that provides social distancing
- Provide specific directions and expectations for buses, cafeteria and classrooms
- Ensure students maintain social distance whenever possible
- Eliminate shared classroom materials
- Strictly adhere to district policies for buses, cafeteria and classroom
- Disinfect buildings, classrooms and buses nightly
- Guarantee provision of all necessary cleaning supplies
- Monitor students for potential symptoms
- Prohibit all non-essential visitors
- Provide special education services when applicable
- Provide mental health counseling and wellness services when applicable
- Model patience and professionalism with students and parents

REMOTE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS



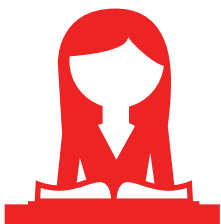
PARENT/CAREGIVER EXPECTATIONS

- Check and monitor online progress daily
- Communicate with district staff when student is experiencing problems or difficulty
- Find opportunities for student socialization
- Ensure welfare of district devices
- Set a daily academic routine with child(ren)
- Model patience and flexibility with school staff and consistently engage and motivate students toward completion



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Set daily expectations for academic work
- Communicate with district staff when experiencing problems or difficulty
- Ensure welfare of district devices
- Communicate mental health and social emotional needs
- Complete coursework within allotted timeframes



NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOLS STAFF MEMBERS

- Provide specific directions and expectations for online coursework
- Provide timely communication to students and families
- Provide special education services when applicable
- Provide mental health counseling and wellness services when applicable
- Model patience and professionalism with students and parents and consistently engage and motivate students toward completion

ADAPT AND ADJUST

As a reminder, plans are based on CURRENT knowledge shared with the public. We will continue to re-evaluate based on evolving conditions, data about the status of the pandemic and recommendations and guidance from public health officials and the scientific community.

