



# Newport Independent

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Dear Newport Family,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year- our return to in-person learning. Soon our halls will be filled with the children we have all missed. As we get closer to our August 25<sup>th</sup> First Day of School, we wanted to share a few tips to help students get back in the mindset of in-person learning.

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| ✓ Work back into a routine, including a set regular bedtime  | ✓ Be positive about the return to learning and show excitement for the return to learning.   |
| ✓ Students who regularly receive the recommended amount of sleep tend to have improved attention, behavior, learning, and memory | ✓ Share concerns with a teacher, counselor, or trusted adult.  |
| ✓ Make emergency plans and back up plans in the event of illness or non-traditional instruction                                  | ✓ While we have strict measures in place to ensure safety and sanitization, you can do your part by practicing handwashing, avoiding touching your face, and wearing a mask. |

## Home Visit Day- August 13<sup>th</sup>

We are excited to have the opportunity to return to our annual Home Visit Day. Our staff appreciates the chance to build relationships with families and welcome students back to school. You can expect teachers on August 13th from 10:00 to 3:00. School staff will be wearing white Newport t-shirts, masks, socially distancing, and will remain outside to ensure the safety of all. Teachers can't wait to meet their students before we kick off the school year!

## Upcoming Events

### August 13

Home Visit Day

10:00 – 3:00

### August 19 & 20

Family Engagement Days

August 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 6:00

August 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 3:00

### August 25

First Day of School

## Important Announcement

### Broadband Benefit Program Assistance with Internet

Because of our participation in the Community eligibility Provision program, Newport families may be eligible for monetary assistance toward internet services during the pandemic.

Please be sure to see us during Family Engagement Days to learn more.

## Family Engagement Days

Please plan to see us at school on either August 19th- 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or August 20th- 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for completion of enrollment information for the 21/22 school year. Parents will have the opportunity to complete enrollment, medical, and emergency information for their child(ren) as well as sign up for Parent Portal and collect technology for the school year.

We appreciate your time in making sure that we have the most up-to-date information for your children prior to the first day of school. Having correct addresses, contact information, emergency contacts, and medical information allows us to act quickly on behalf of our students.

Families will have a chance to meet their child's teacher, sign up for after-school activities, meet with our School Nurses, and engage with Family Resource/Youth Service Staff.



### Vaccination Clinic

Newport Independent with our partner Well Care will be offering COVID Vaccinations through Wild Health on August 20th at Newport High School in the school cafeteria. The Pfizer vaccination is open to any individual who is 12 years of age or older. Certain insurance providers are offering up to \$100.00 in gift cards for their members who receive vaccinations during the month of August.

**Be sure to reserve your appointment today at: [kyvax.wildhealth.com](https://kyvax.wildhealth.com)**

Appointments are open 2:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Our follow-up clinic is currently scheduled for September 10, 2021. Parents/Guardians wanting their Newport student vaccinated have the option of this occurring during the September 10th school day once written permission is provided.*

### Mental Health Services

Newport Schools have partnerships with MEBS, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCBHS), and North Key Community Care to provide school-based counseling services onsite. We are also fortunate to have a mental health clinician at each school employed by the school district. If you are interested in your child receiving services in coping strategies, problem solving, expressing feelings, peer/family relations, etc. please reach out to your child's school counselor for more information.

Newport Primary - Mr. Brian Zepf

Newport Intermediate -Ms. Amber Onkst & Ms. Sarah Cornett

Newport High School - Ms. Kia Gearding & Ms. Charity Wood

Newport School of Innovation - Mr. Shaun Mullins

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Newport Independent Family

Student Address Label

No Name