

# NVCSD Opening 2021

## Introduction

The opening of the Newark Valley Central School District in the Fall of 2021 will be much different than 2020. Much thought has gone into developing the safest and most effective model to educate our community's children. Following the State Education Department and Department of Health guidelines, as well as ensuring the health and safety of the entire school community, were top priorities in preparing this document.

## *Schedules*

Unlike last year, all Newark Valley Schools will operate on their normal schedules.

## *Health and Safety*

- Masks will be worn by all staff and students as required by NYSDOH procedures.
- Children are required to wear masks **at all times**, except while eating, as long as 3 ft. social distancing is maintained.
- Students are encouraged to attend school with their own individual mask.
- Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to.
- All Department of Health policies and practices will be enforced.
- Specific procedures for the monitoring of health conditions and the containment of potential illness transmissions will be adhered to by the district.
- Students who ride the bus must be masked at all times. This is a Federal mandate which pertains to all public transportation.
- The District will continue to work with the County Health Department in all matters of contact tracing.
- Students will be consistently encouraged to engage in personal hygiene procedures, including regular handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer, as tolerable.

As we have learned throughout this entire health event, situations can evolve rapidly. State and Federal authorities can, and often will, change requirements rapidly. We will do everything we can to ensure that we are adhering to the guidance that is imposed on us. Furthermore, we will make sure to communicate any changes that impact students/staff.

Thank you.