

Update 7/20/2021– Fort Edward site only.

We continue to work with the Fort Edward UFSD to determine any necessary updates and will notify you accordingly.

- Therefore, effective Wednesday, July 21st
 - Masks are **optional** for staff and students while **outside** on school property.
 - **Students** are **required** to wear masks at all times when **inside** school facilities except during snack and lunch breaks. Other exceptions may be necessary based on individual needs.
 - Students must continue to wear a mask when on school buses.
 - **All staff** are **required** to wear masks when in the presence of students while inside school facilities.
 - **Fully vaccinated staff** are not required to wear masks when indoors and **not in the presence** of students (before and after program hours).
 - **Unvaccinated staff must** continue to wear masks at **all times** when **inside** school facilities.
 - **Visitors** are **required** to wear a mask when inside our facility.

If you would prefer your student continues to wear a mask while outdoors, please notify your student's classroom teacher.

If you have any other questions, please contact our COVID Coordinator, Ramona Grugnale at rgrugnale@newmeadow.org.

Thank you.

Update 7/19/21

In response to our communication last week, stakeholders were asked to complete a survey regarding a change to our Reopening Plan for the use of traditional evacuation drills. The results indicate all who participated approve of the **added language**. Therefore, we will update our Reopening Plan accordingly:

Fire (evacuation) drills will be conducted according to requirements and modified to fit social distancing requirements. Each classroom will have an individual drill using a pre-recorded fire alarm. Additional staff will assist in evacuating the classroom. Classroom-by-classroom drills will maintain the safety of preschool students during a non-emergency practice drill that requires exiting the building and allowing for social distancing requirements. **In accordance with the latest guidance, Newmeadow will whenever possible, hold traditional alarm-activated evacuation drills while still maintaining social distancing requirements when feasible.**

A copy of the revised Reopening Plan can be found [here](#).

Thank you.

Update 7/16/2021-Clifton Park site only. We continue to work with the Fort Edward UFSD to determine any necessary updates and will notify accordingly.

NYS DOH provided an update relevant to the 2021 summer school programs.

The update indicates that due to current low rates of COVID-19 transmission, **mask requirements** can be modified to the less restrictive requirements applicable to child care, day, and overnight camp settings as outlined in the “Interim Guidance for Child Care, Day Camp, and Overnight Camp Programs During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.”

- Therefore, effective Monday, July 19th
 - Masks are **optional** for students attending our program. This includes indoors and outside on school property.
 - **Students must** continue to wear a mask when on school buses.
 - Masks are **optional** for all staff when **outside** on school property.
 - Masks are **optional** for **fully vaccinated staff** when indoors.
 - **Unvaccinated staff must** continue to wear masks at all times when **inside** school facilities.

If you would prefer your student continue to wear a mask while indoors and/or outdoors, please notify your student's classroom teacher.

The above information applies to the 2021 summer session only and additional information will be shared regarding the 2021-2022 school year when available.

As indicated yesterday (Update 7/15), Newmeadow is considering a change to our Reopening Plan. Please complete the [Reopening Plan survey](#). Results will be posted on Monday.

Update 7/15/2021

Newmeadow is considering the following change to our Reopening Plan and seeks input from Stakeholders.

To ensure the safety of all individuals and keep children and staff familiar with the process of a traditional excavation drill, we would like to begin conducting traditional alarm-activated evacuation drills.

Currently, our plan states:

Fire (evacuation) drills will be conducted according to requirements and modified to fit social distancing requirements. Each classroom will have an individual drill using a pre-recorded fire alarm. Additional staff will assist in evacuating the classroom. Classroom-by-classroom drills will maintain the safety of preschool students during a non-emergency practice drill that requires exiting the building and allowing for social distancing requirements.

We are considering adding the following statement to the above:

In accordance with the latest guidance, Newmeadow will whenever possible, hold traditional alarm-activated evacuation drills while still maintaining social distancing requirements when feasible.

Please complete the brief survey found [here](#) no later than Sunday, July 18th.
Survey <https://forms.gle/Z4QpVKGhVyL1G4VW8>
Results will be posted on our website Monday, July 19th.

Thank you.

Update 7/9/2021

As a follow-up to our June 10th correspondence, Newmeadow has not made any changes to our Reopening Plan following the release for DOH guidance dated June 7th. Please understand that Newmeadow is required to follow any DOH/SED guidance and associated rules established within the guidance.

We would like to share with you a few key points and reminders from the guidance as we move into our summer session.

MASKS

Indoors—no change

All staff, students, and visitors are required to wear masks at all times when inside school facilities except during snack and lunch. Other exceptions may be necessary based on individual needs.

Outdoors—change in guidance but at this time NOT to the Newmeadow Reopening Plan.

Transportation—no change

Students are required to wear a mask while on school buses.

Screenings—no change

All staff, students, and visitors will be required to submit daily health screenings which include temperature scans before given authorized entrance into the building.

Screening forms (both electronic/hardcopy) can be found on our website on the [parent portal main page](#).

Reporting COVID Related Cases and Information—no change

Families should continue to utilize the [COVID Reporting mailbox](#) for positive COVID-related cases and quarantine notices.

Please contact the COVID Coordinator, Ramona Grugnale at rgrugnale@newmeadow.org with any questions/comments.

Thank you.