



NEW HARMONY HIGH SCHOOL

Reopening Plan for Q4 March 2021 - Hybrid

February 22, 2021

Dear New Harmony Families,

I hope that everyone stayed safe and warm last week and that you are enjoying this week's warmer weather. Thank you so much for all you've done to support your children while we have kept New Harmony virtual. As always, we continue to work with the Louisiana Department of Education and local relevant authorities, other schools, school leaders, districts, in Louisiana and across the country, to make sure we are able to provide the best possible resources to our families and students during this time.

We are excited to announce that our current Quarter 4 plans are to operate in a hybrid capacity. We are confident that if we use layered mitigation strategies and strictly follow our plans, we can limit the risk of transmission. It will require all of us to be exhaustively diligent in our actions. The [CDC has provided thorough guidance](#) on schools reopening.

Earlier this quarter, we re-surveyed families about intent to return in person if we opened in a hybrid capacity. About 75% of our families opted to return in person, while others remain fully virtual. We will continue to offer a virtual option through the end of this school year. Changes from virtual to in-person will not be accommodated due to the difficulty in scheduling a small school.

We will release our plans for each quarter at least 3 weeks in advance.		
Quarter 4	March 15 - May 27	Plans released by February 22

Since the start of the school year, I have hosted weekly office hours alternating weeks between Tuesday mornings from 9-9:45 a.m. and Wednesday afternoons from 3-3:45. This is a time for parents/families to join Zoom to ask questions or provide feedback about anything happening in our school world. You can always find the Zoom link on [our website's calendar](#). If you need an individual appointment, [use this link](#) or call/text 504-444-9404.

I can't wait to see you! Wishing for your safety and wellbeing.

Sunny Dawn Summers



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IMPORTANT DATES	WHAT'S HAPPENING
March 15 (Mon)	Start of Q4 - Virtual Advisory for all students 10 a.m. Student Orientation on Zoom - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Meeting will be held virtually on Zoom. Calendar invite to follow.
(TBD)	Parent Orientation on Zoom - Dates TBD.
March 16 (Tue)	9th grade in-person learning begins (10th/11th virtual)
March 23 (Tue)	10th/11th grade in-person learning begins (9th virtual)
March 29-April 5	SPRING BREAK (No school)
April 15-May 21	LEAP 2025 EOC Spring Testing Window
May 27	Last day of School
June 1-June 25	Extended School Year (ESY)
June 21-25	LEAP 2025 EOC Summer Testing Window



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QUARTER 4

New Harmony commits to following all CDC Guidelines | All students will have access to 1:1 devices and wireless internet.
All students will be given a diagnostic screener for academics and mental/emotional health at the start of the school year.

SAFETY: We follow all CDC guidelines to limit the risk of transmission, including masks, social distancing, proper hygiene, and small class sizes to allow for desks to be 6 feet apart. All staff and classrooms will be outfitted with wipes and sanitizer, PPE, air purifiers, & cleaning supplies.

WHO ATTENDS: Approximately half of the total enrolled students attend school in person every other week. Students are split into pods by grade level-- 9th is one pod, 10th/11th is one pod. Pods attend in-person school 4 days in a row, Tuesday - Friday. Saturday through the following Monday, students work remotely and attend their T-F classes virtually. A 4/10 schedule allows time for students to self-quarantine and/or isolate, and it limits the number of students who could be potentially exposed to a positive case.

VIRTUAL ONLY: Some students may attend more frequently than every other week, based on individual family conferences. Families who are not yet comfortable with their student returning to campus may opt in to a VIRTUAL ONLY option.

ATTENDANCE: When virtual, attendance is taken during **ZOOM CLASSES**. CAMERAS SHOULD BE ON TO RECEIVE ATTENDANCE CREDIT. Excused absences must be communicated to the teacher and/or school by parents/families.

***We ask that you not change your preferences mid-quarter due to the extensive planning and scheduling that goes into making our hybrid schedule work.

Vacation days during Q4: March 29-April 5 SPRING BREAK	EXAMPLE SCHEDULE				
	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI
	VIRTUAL ADVISORY 10-11 A.M.	9TH GRADE POD ATTENDS IN PERSON 10/11TH GRADE POD ATTENDS VIRTUALLY			
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COMMUNICATION

Regular communication is critical to making this run smoothly. You'll hear from advisors, navigators, operations, and administration via **TEXT, EMAIL, and PHONE CALLS**. You can text, email or call us too!

School Front Desk - Call or Text: 504-612-7869 | Email: IThelp@newharmonyhigh.org

DAILY	WEEKLY	ADDITIONAL
Students: Check your email at least 2x/day every day! If you forget your password, call/text the front desk or email IThelp@newharmonyhigh.org immediately! Look for more info to come during orientation. Your fellow advisees may want to chat regularly! Join group advisory chats to stay connected. Parents: Set up <i>Remind</i> once you get a text from us. Make sure you are receiving texts & emails. If your info changes at any time, call our front desk at 504-612-7869.	Students: You'll get weekly check ins with your advisory. And if necessary, you'll get weekly progress conferences with your Nav (Navigator). A Nav is a support person during virtual learning. Parents: Join optional weekly chats Tuesday or Wednesday with School Leader Sunny Summers. You can always find the link to join on our website's calendar. If you'd like an individual appointment, use this link.	Exhibitions! Yes, we still hope to do exhibitions of learning at the end of semester 2. The ACT is still happening! EOCs are still happening! Progress reports will go out at the end of each quarter. If home visits are necessary, expect us to arrange that via phone or email, or to pop by unannounced if we can't get ahold of you. If students aren't making appropriate progress, have attendance issues, or failing grades, parents can expect a phone call or home visit.

Related Covid Policies can all be found on our website:

[COVID Cleaning/Disinfecting Policy](#)

[COVID Mask/Hand Hygiene/Social Distance Policy](#)

[COVID Transportation Policy](#)

[COVID Visitor Policy](#)

[Policy for In-Person Instruction During COVID-19](#)



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HOW TO MITIGATE THE RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID-19

New Harmony commits to following all Louisiana Department of Education, Office of Public Health, & CDC guidelines.

MONITORING HEALTH	CLEANING & HYGIENE	MASKS & DISTANCING
Temperature assessments at bus stop and/or upon arrival for students, staff and visitors. Symptom monitoring for students, staff and visitors at arrival and throughout the day. Established area for isolation for any sick students. (Isolation area is cleaned and disinfected after a sick student has gone home.) Flexible absence and leave policies.	All high-touch surfaces are cleaned multiple times per day, including bathrooms, desks, doorknobs before and after each group's use. Handwashing and/or sanitizer upon entry and exit, and at least every 2 hours, before and after eating and break. Sanitizer provided in every room.	Everyone at New Harmony-- students, teachers and staff-- are required to correctly wear cloth masks at all times. Physical distance guidelines (desks spread out with 6 feet of distance between them) are followed to the maximum extent possible.

IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

1. If a school becomes aware of a presumptive positive or positive case of COVID-19, the child or staff member should not attend school until determined to be non-infectious by their doctor.
2. New Harmony will notify families for any COVID-19 case within school, and reach out directly to students who are a direct exposure, along with any next steps. Close contact is considered to be 15 minutes of cumulative interaction within 6 feet, or being in a class with a person who tests positive.
3. If it is determined that a school was the focus of the infection for COVID-19, the school Superintendent (New Harmony - Sunny Summers), in consultation with our school nurse and the Office of Public Health, will determine if the school should remain open or close for a period of time. A positive case of COVID-19 does not necessarily warrant classroom or school closure.

We will be sharing additional information about transportation, food, schedules, cohorting, etc., in the coming days and weeks via the email provided at enrollment.

-- Be safe and stay healthy. --