Newman’s top priority is the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. We will continue to implement protocols that reinforce best practices for independent schools regarding the mitigation of COVID-19. The framework for these procedures is informed by the latest updates and guidelines from the CDC, state and local authorities, and local health experts. With the increase in vaccinations, we expect a return to some familiar routines and activities for the 2021-22 school year.

Effective August 2, 2021, the School will operate with the following policies and procedures:

**Facial Coverings**

- Facial coverings are required indoors for all students in Grades Pre-K through 6. When outside, facial coverings may be removed.

- Facial coverings are not required for adults or students 12 years of age and older who are fully vaccinated, as outlined here: [CDC guidance for fully vaccinated people](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html). Individuals who are not vaccinated are required to wear a facial covering while indoors on campus.

- We support anyone deciding to wear a facial covering.

**Social Distancing/Cohorting**

- Social distancing will be practiced, whenever practical, in Grades Pre-K through 6.

- For contact tracing purposes, we generally will maintain cohorts at a minimum by grade level for Pre-K through 8th grade.

**COVID-19 Exposures/Quarantines**

- When there is an exposure to COVID-19, students, teachers, and staff who are fully vaccinated and without COVID-19 symptoms will not be required to quarantine.

- Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or are unvaccinated and have been exposed to COVID-19 should stay home, coordinate with the Health Office, and seek testing from their healthcare provider.
• People who are not fully vaccinated will be required to quarantine per the Philipson Health Center guidelines after a recent exposure to COVID-19.

- Any COVID-19 exposures, whether an individual is vaccinated or not, should be reported to the Health Center.
- View the complete COVID Isolation and Quarantine Protocols 2021-2022

Health Screenings

- Parents are expected to perform a health screening of their child each morning, using this screening as a guide. The purpose is to ensure that their child does not exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms.
- All children and staff are required to stay home if sick or if unvaccinated and there is a recently received positive COVID-19 diagnosis in the household.
  o Temperature checks at school and the daily online screening questionnaire will no longer occur.

Hygiene/Cleaning

- The School will continue to promote good hygiene through frequent hand washing and/or the use of hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- The School will ensure that there is deep cleaning and disinfecting nightly for all classrooms, restrooms, and other campus spaces.

Visitors to Campus

- Parents and visitors will be allowed on campus and should follow the protocols above, particularly the policy for facial coverings.
- Vendors will be required to provide the School with proof of vaccination to operate on campus.

*Please note that some protocols may differ for Green Trees due to licensing requirements for Early Childhood Programs. Please refer to the Green Trees FAQs or the Green Trees Family Handbook for specific policies and procedures.