

Transportation Guidelines

This guideline is in addition to the *Maintaining Safe and Healthy Schools COVID-19 Guideline* document. All staff must review both documents before commencing work.

Control Measures

1. Parent and Staff Communication

Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. If a student develops symptoms while at home, parents or caregivers must isolate their child at home for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms and until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.

If a student displays symptom while being transported to school the driver will radio dispatch & dispatch will inform the school.

Staff will not come to work if they have symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease. Symptoms include: fever, chills, sneezing, running nose, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and new muscle aches or headache.

Staff will do a self-assessment daily for the above symptoms, if at any point drivers become symptomatic, they will self-isolate and immediately report to their supervisor.

2. Disinfecting

Buses used for transporting students will be cleaned and disinfected according the guidance provided in the [BCCDC's Cleaning and Disinfectants for Public Settings](#) document.

- This will include disinfecting high touch areas on the bus between stops and implement ongoing good hand sanitizing practices.
- When cleaning the bus, make sure windows and doors are open.
- Each bus will have cleaning equipment such as gloves and a spray bottle with disinfectant. This will be provided by the school district.
- Ensure products are secure during transport.
- Employees will review safety data sheets before using product.

3. Hand washing

- Drivers must wash their hands immediately upon arrival at their designated start location, and as described in the *Maintaining Safe and Healthy Schools COVID-19 Guideline*. Start location may include a bus garage, home or other location.
- Drivers will be provided hand sanitizer for their own use when unable to hand wash with soap and water.

4. Ventilation

- Drivers should maximize natural ventilation on the bus by opening or partially opening selected windows, as weather conditions allow, and maintain passenger comfort with additional heat.

5. The Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Every driver will be supplied with a face shield. This is to be worn when students are loading and unloading the bus or when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Drivers can flip face shield up when driving as long as it does not affect visibility of driver.
- Support staff (CEA's) will be provided with face shields and gloves while working with students during transport.

6. Arrival and Movement Procedures

- Students will load rear to front & unload front to rear.
- Students will be separated side to side & front to back. (Students from the same household can sit together)
- Students will not seat directly behind the driver

Reminders:

- Do not touch your face.
- Use respiratory etiquette.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Practice physical distancing, if this cannot be achieved such as loading and unloading driver will wear face shield.