

Transportation Guidelines

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

Parent and Staff Communication

Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for key symptoms of illness. Continued promotion and education will be provided through communication to all staff and students.

If a student develops symptoms while at home, parents or caregivers must keep their child at home and review “When to get tested for COVID-19 guideline”

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

Students should clean their hands before they leave home to take the bus, when they leave school prior to taking the bus, and when they get home.

Staff will not come to work if they are sick. This will include a review of “When to get tested for COVID-19 guideline “

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

Disinfecting

Buses used for transporting students will be cleaned and disinfected according the guidance provided in the [SD73 Cleaning and Disinfectant document](#).

- This will include disinfecting high touch areas or surfaces such as handrails, this will be completed on the bus between runs and following 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.

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. *Starting 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.

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. Drivers must select fresh air options to ensure no recirculation is occurring while bus is operational.

Director of Transportation will keep up to date passenger and seating plans to share with public health should contact tracing need to occur. Seating plans will be updated as required by bus driver.

Non-Medical Masks

Bus drivers are required to wear a non-medical mask, face covering or a face shield (in which case a non-medical mask is to be worn in addition to the face shield) on school buses except while driving.

Students in Grades 4 to 12 are required to wear non-medical masks or face coverings when they are on the bus. Students Grade L-3 are encouraged to wear a non-medical masks or face covering on school buses but are not required to do so – masking wearing remains a personal or family/caregiver choice for these students, and their choices must be respected.

Non-medical masks or face coverings should be put on before loading.

Reminders

- Do not touch your face.
- Use respiratory etiquette.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (this includes handrails).