

August 20, 2020

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION ON BUSES

- Buses used for transporting students will be cleaned and disinfected according to the guidance provided in BCCDC's Guidelines on Cleaning and Disinfectants for Public Settings.
- Bus Drivers will clean their hands often, including before and after completing trips and will wear a non-medical mask.
- 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 child has any symptoms, they must not take the bus nor go to school.
- Parents are encouraged to ensure that students 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.
- Parents are encouraged to support their child to physically distance while waiting for the bus for pick up.
- Where possible, at school bus line up areas should be set up to prevent crowding, and allow for physical distancing of 2m (e.g., tape on pavement, etc.) where required.
- Students are expected to use their bus pass to scan on and off the bus - Names of students will be recorded if no bus pass is provided as passenger lists will be kept to share with public health should contact tracing need to occur.
- Students should not plan for friends to ride home with them on the bus – Only registered students are permitted to ride a bus they are registered to.
- Face mask are mandatory for Secondary students – masks are available from the Bus Driver
- Bus Drivers will wear a mask and gloves (discard after each student) when in close contact with students who require special care such as restraints, etc.
- Families are encouraged to make alternate arrangements to using the Bus Service, if they are able.

LOADING THE BUS

- Hand sanitizer is optional and will be provided to students as they board the bus.
- Students will seat themselves starting from the back of the bus to the front.
- Students will not be seated directly behind the driver.
- Siblings will be asked to sit together on high capacity routes.
- If space is available, students will be assigned to their own seat.
- Students will be asked to sit by the window if seated alone.
- Bus Drivers will use seating assignments when possible.

UNLOADING THE BUS

- At SCHOOL - Students will exit the bus starting with the most forward seated student.
- At HOME - Students will exit the bus starting with the most forward seated student - Students will be passing by other seated students but are asked to exit without contacting or engaging seated students.