

Transportation - Safety Protocol for 3 Phases of Re-opening

Red Phase- School would be closed for in-person instruction, so no transportation would be necessary or provided.

Yellow Phase- School would be open for in-person instruction on a staggered schedule. (students will be separated by “A” and “B” Group”)

- Drivers are responsible for self-screening before starting their route for the day. If drivers display any symptoms, they should not drive.
- A limited bus roster would be used; buses would operate maximum ½ capacity. “A” students will attend school on Mondays & Tuesdays. “B” students will attend school on Thursdays and Fridays. School would be closed for sanitizing on Wednesdays.
- Siblings or households would be seated together.
- A space of one seat between different households.
- Students will remain in their assigned seats.
- All students will be seated by the order they load the bus. Students will be seated from the rear of the bus forward, with the exception of kindergarten students who will sit in front seats.
- The first row of seats directly behind the driver will remain empty.
- No student will be permitted to ride a bus in which they are not listed on the roster. I.e. students will not be permitted to ride home with friends with a bus note.
- Parents may not approach the school buses while they are parked on school property. If you need your child from the bus, you must go to the office and a school administrator will escort your child from the bus.
- *Students will wear face coverings on the bus/ school vehicle.
- *Drivers will wear face coverings on the bus/school vehicle.
- Protocol implemented for disinfecting after every bus/school vehicle route in morning and afternoon. Cleaning supplies will be provided for each vehicle, as well as surplus face coverings.
- Signage on buses/school vehicles for social distancing and hygiene.
- Recommendation for parents to provide hand sanitizer to children to use on the bus/school vehicle.
- Reinforce that parents keep ill students home.
- If the bus driver see’s signs that students are ill, the child will be referred to the school nurse upon arrival to school. **
- If parents do not feel safe sending students on the bus, they should plan to provide alternate transportation for them.
- When buses arrive at school, all students should exit to their appropriate building.
- Students will exit the bus by row, from front to back, to maintain physical distancing.
- Encourage student drivers to transport younger siblings to school. Upon parent discretion.
- Open air flow and ventilation is encouraged during transport. This can include the opening of windows and/or use of air conditioning.

*As per the order of the Secretary of the Department of Health issued July 1, 2020 requiring face coverings::

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Green Phase- School would be open on full schedule with all students.

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Disinfecting Protocol:

Buses will be cleaned everyday and between the AM and PM run of each school vehicle. This includes frequently touched surfaces, including seatbacks, seat belt and lap-shoulder belt buckles (in vans), handrails, and door handles. It is under the discretion of the Contractor if they wish to install plastic shield guards around driver seats.