

COVID-19 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROTOCOLS

GENERAL

1. Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to board the bus. 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 (they must pass the Daily Health Check) If your child is sick, they must not take the bus or go to school.
2. 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.
3. All students are required to wear non-medical masks or face coverings.
4. COVID-19 related protections for the bus driver will be put in place by the bus company. These include the following:
 - 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.
 - Bus drivers are required to clean their hands often, including before and after completing trips, and it is recommended they regularly use hand sanitizer during trips.
 - It is required that bus drivers wear a non-medical mask or face covering except while driving or able to maintain physical distance (2 meters). Exceptions will be made for bus drivers who cannot wear masks for medical and/or disability-related reasons.
 - When weather permits the windows on the buses shall remain open.

WAITING FOR THE BUS

1. Arrive at the bus stop five minutes before arrival of bus. Masks should be worn prior to boarding the bus.
2. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before boarding.
3. When boarding or exiting the bus, stay in a single file line.

WHILE ON THE BUS

1. Open windows when the weather permits.
2. Stay seated and have your legs in front of you.
3. Do not change seats.
4. Place belongings under the seat and keep the aisle clear.
5. Talk quietly and be respectable towards other riders.
6. Always listen to instructions given by the driver.
7. No eating or drinking is allowed on the bus.



8. No smoking of any kind, including vaping is allowed on the bus.
9. All students are required to wear non-medical masks or face coverings. These should be put on before loading and taken off after offloading. Exceptions will be made for students who cannot tolerate masks for health or behavioural reasons.



LEAVING THE BUS

1. Hold onto the handrail.
2. Stay at least 10 feet clear of the bus.
3. Make eye contact with the driver.
4. Look in all directions before crossing in front of the bus.
5. Do not walk behind the bus.
6. Wash your hands when you arrive at your destination.

WHILE AT SCHOOL

1. Students who develop symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory diseases during the school day will not be permitted to return home on the bus.