



## COVID-19 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROTOCOLS

### GENERAL

1. Students need to stay at home if they are sick. Parents/guardians must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory diseases and if any symptoms are indicated, the child must not take the bus or attend school.
2. Students should clean their hands before leaving home to take the bus, when they get to school, and before they leave school to take the bus.
3. Secondary students are required to wear a mask and will be seated two per bench.
4. Elementary students are not required to wear a mask and will be seated one per bench unless sharing the bench with a member of the same household or same learning group.
5. All students taking the bus will be provided with a reusable mask. Windows will remain open as long as weather permits.

### WAITING FOR THE BUS

1. Arrive at the bus stop five minutes before arrival of bus. Line up at the stop and maintain physical distancing of 2 metres. 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. Assigned seating arrangements will be made prior to the first day of school. Students must not leave their assigned seat until exiting the bus.
2. Seating arrangements can be altered whenever necessary to support student health and safety (e.g. accommodating children with a physical disability, responding to behavioural issues, etc.).
3. Stay seated and have your legs in front of you.
4. Do not change seats.
5. Place belongings under the seat and keep the aisle clear.
6. Talk quietly and be respectable towards other riders.
7. Always listen to instructions given by the driver.
8. No eating or drinking is allowed on the bus.
9. No smoking of any kind, including vaping is allowed on the bus.

### 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.