

Stay home if sick

If a student is experiencing symptoms, or may have been exposed to the virus, they should stay home. If a student starts to feel sick while at school they will not be permitted to ride the school bus home.



Wear a face mask

Students in grades 4-12 must wear masks on the school bus. Kindergarten to grade 3 students are encouraged but aren't required to wear masks.

Exceptions will be made for students with medical conditions or special needs that prevent masking.



Hand washing

Handwashing, with soap and water, is the most effective way of reducing the spread of COVID-19. Students should be washing their hands before and after riding the bus.



Respiratory etiquette

Students should cough or sneeze into their sleeve or a tissue instead of into their hands. If they use a tissue it should not be left on the bus (nor should face masks, gloves etc.)



Waiting for the bus

Physical distancing between students and parents/guardians while waiting for the school bus, where possible, to reduce exposure..



Getting on/off bus

School buses will be unloaded from the seats at the front of the bus to the seats at the back of the bus. Students must stay seated until it's their turn to get off the bus.



Assigned seating

Assigned seating for all students to support 'cohorting' and to ensure additional safety considerations for younger riders (Kindergarten students in front rows).



Cohorts sit together

Students from the same household are required to sit together.

Where possible students from the same classroom 'cohort' seated together.



Ventilation

When possible, windows on the bus will be open to promote additional ventilation and to help avoid air recirculation.



Cleaning/disinfecting

In addition to regular cleaning of school bus interiors, enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols for frequently touched surfaces such as handrails, seatbacks etc..



Bus Drivers

Drivers are also required to wear masks while students are on board the school bus. They may also be wearing a face shield and gloves (when closely interacting with students).



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Bus drivers will also be utilizing hand-sanitizer throughout the bus trip, as needed. The hand-sanitizer will be stored out of students reach.

