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NOW MORE THAN EVER

Steps we're taking to keep students safe on the school bus during the pandemic

The school bus is one of the safest ways to transport students. During the pandemic, we're working to keep it that way with extra safety precautions and guidelines. Here are some of the many things we're doing:



DRIVER TESTING

Drivers may be monitored for symptoms and asked to stay home if necessary or if they've been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.



MASKS AND HAND SANITIZING

Drivers, aides and staff may wear a mask in accordance with state and local guidelines and sanitize their hands throughout the day.



INCREASED AND ONGOING CLEANINGS

More emphasis will be placed on routine and ongoing cleaning and sanitization of high-touch surfaces such as the interior of the bus, handrails and seats. Increased deep cleaning will be considered in the event of COVID-19 exposure.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

To help keep everyone safe on and around the bus, following federal, state and local guidelines is a great start.

Here are some other ways:

- If your child is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, keep them home for monitoring or have them tested.
- Wash hands upon leaving the house and remind children to use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the bus if possible.
- Wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth. Special procedures may be in place for students who are unable to do so.
- Practice social distancing at the bus stop and throughout the school day.
- Remind your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue, sleeve or elbow when coughing or sneezing. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Follow any new boarding/disembarking instructions according to your district.
- Don't share other students' pencils, paper, water bottles, etc.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.

WHAT ELSE MIGHT CHANGE?

To accommodate new safety guidelines, local school districts may need to alter regular bus activity. Here are some examples of possible changes you may encounter:

- Students may experience new seat assignments, a different bus driver, and route changes.
- Districts may alter transportation plans for extracurricular activities to address COVID-19.
- School districts will have procedures and requirements in place for students with special needs.
- School districts will develop contingency plans for COVID-19 surges or reemergence within your school or district.



ONE OF THE SAFEST VEHICLES ON THE ROAD

School buses safely deliver more than 25 million children in the U.S. to school each day and travel 4 billion miles a year, yet remain one of the safest forms of transportation in the U.S. We're working hard to maintain that with extra safety measures and guidelines in place.

While many people may want to drive students to school right now, it should be noted that:

- Students are 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a school bus instead of traveling by car.*
- School buses meet more federal motor vehicle safety standards than any other vehicle on the road.
- Students' physical safety is greatly enhanced by being on the school bus.

Reopening schools requires a team effort. Together, we can make the task of getting students to and from school safe and simple. More information can be found at americanschoolbuscouncil.org.

**according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*

