

Logan County Schools Transportation Protocols

School Re-Entry 2020-2021

To ensure the safe re-entry of both students and staff, the transportation team is enacting many procedures and practices. Due to the fluidity of the situation and to the evolving of the best scientific practices, the transportation team is determined to stay abreast of the most current practices and make changes as they are necessary for the good of the students and staff.

Cleaning/Disinfecting/Sanitizing

- Each bus will be cleaned and disinfected twice a day (after the morning and evening runs).
- The driver still maintains the responsibility to ensure the bus is clean. But, we will have bus cleanliness inspections two times per week.
- Bus operators will use U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved chemicals including the industry-leading Nova Disinfectant Sprayers which provide the highest level of disinfection coverage for all surfaces. Each bus will be sprayed after the morning and evening bus runs. This will also be done during Preventive Maintenance checks conducted by the mechanics.
- School bus windows and doors will be open during cleaning and disinfecting procedures to increase air circulation.

Bus Loading at Bus Stops

- Masks/face coverings are required for all staff and students based on the Health Department and West Virginia Department of Education Guidelines.
- Drivers are required to wear facemasks during loading and unloading.
- Hand disinfectant must be used and thoroughly spread throughout the hands and fingers upon entering the bus.
- One student will load at a time. The next student waits until the previous student turns down the bus aisle.
- Social distancing is strongly encouraged at the bus stop, this will be taught to all students, and will continue to be encouraged if the bus operator finds this is not the case as s/he pulls up to the stop.

Bus Seating

- All students will have an assigned seat.
- Both seats behind the driver will remain empty.
- Students will be seated two per seat unless living in same household, then possibly three but unlikely.
- Bus stop groups of students may be seated in the same section of the bus.
- When appropriate and safe, windows will be open to increase air circulation.

- When possible, seat assignment will be based on location of the bus stop. (Students loading first will be seated in back of the grade level section of the bus. Students loading last would be in front of the grade level section.)

Bus Unloading at School

- Students leave the bus by assigned seat, right side to left side, front to back, one seat at a time (i.e., right front seat, then left front seat, and so on).
- If more than one bus arrives at a school, the front bus unloads. When the front bus starts to move away, the next bus moves up and unloads.
- School staff will be available to assist with monitoring bus unloading and students entering the school.

Bus Loading at Schools

- School administrators will bring their decisions to transportation for open discussion.

Discipline

- Infractions of protocol will be handled in collaboration with the school administrators and the students' family.

Visibly Ill Student at Bus Stop

- Preschoolers to 3rd graders – Are to return home with the parent/approved adult.
- 4th graders to 12th graders – The bus operator will radio the school, for them to inform the nurse.
 - Ill students will be taken to his/her school. The student must wear a mask during the route.

Visibly Ill Student During Bus Route

- Per WVDE Office of Pupil Transportation, due to safety standards and testing, school bus manufacturers have not recommended any change to school buses such as plexiglass or see-through plastic. Should a manufacturer recommendation become available, changes will be made.
- After the bus pulls over, the ill student will move to the front seat opposite the driver.
- If the student is wearing a cloth mask, it will be changed to a bacterial mask.
- The bus operator will radio the school and / or bus garage.
- The school will call the parent to meet the student at his/her assigned school.
- The student rides to his/her assigned school where s/he meets the parent.

