



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION ON BUSES

The School District recognizes there are a number of challenges in safely operating a transit system in the context of COVID-19. The School District also recognizes that for many families the student transportation system is the only means with which to get their children to and from school each day.

The health and welfare of our students and staff is of utmost importance and as such, we will be considering mitigation strategies in the organization of our system for the upcoming school year.

RISK MITIGATION MEASURES

ILLNESS & SELF ASSESSMENT

- Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, **COVID-19**, or other infectious respiratory diseases before sending them to school.
- If a child has any symptoms, they must not take the bus or go to school.

REDUCED CAPACITY

- At this time we are asking that only those families that require bussing apply.
- Where possible we are encouraging private vehicle use.
- If you have already applied for a bus pass for the coming school year and you don't intend to use it please withdraw your application by emailing transportation@sd47.bc.ca
- For the time being, in an effort to reduce the number of students on each bus, we expect that the opportunities to add courtesy riders will be very limited.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Where possible, bus line up areas will be set up to prevent crowding and allow for better physical distancing.
- Use of consistent or assigned seating arrangements.
- Consideration for the order students typically load and offload.
- If space is available, students will each have their own seat unless sharing with a member of their household or learning group.



RISK MITIGATION MEASURES

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Bus drivers will be provided with hand sanitizer for their buses.
- Students should clean their hands before they leave home, when they leave school, and when they get home.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Students in grades 5 to 12 are required to wear non-medical masks when they are on the bus.
- Non-medical masks are not recommended for younger students due to the increased likelihood they will touch their face and eyes.
- Students in grades K to 4 are free to wear masks where parents believe their child can tolerate it and manage it safely.
- Re-useable masks will be made available to both students and staff.