

HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOLS

PREVENTION PROTOCOLS 2020-2021



To ensure the safe re-entry of both students and staff, the HC transportation team is enacting many procedures and practices. Due to this ever evolving situation, we will continue to monitor and implement current guidance to safely transport our most precious cargo.

Cleaning/Disinfecting/Sanitizing

- Each bus will be cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day (after both morning and evening runs).
- Bus operators will use U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved disinfectant and Electrostatic Sprayers.
- 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 must be worn at all times.
- 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, 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. Bus operators will monitor seating assignments to ensure social distancing is practiced to the greatest extent possible.
- Students will be seated two per seat unless living in same household, then possibly three.
- Bus stop groups of students may be seated in the same section of the bus to the greatest extent possible.

- 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.

Ill Student at Bus Stop

- Are to return home with the parent/approved adult.
- If a parent is not at the bus stop- The bus operator will radio the bus supervisor to contact the parent.
 - Ill student will immediately return home only if the parent is quickly contacted.
 - If parent is not contacted, ill student will be taken to his/her school. The student must wear a surgical mask during the route.

Ill Student During Bus Route

- After the bus pulls over, the ill student will move to the front seat opposite the driver.
- The bus operator will radio the bus supervisor.
- The school will be contacted to make arrangements with the parent/guardian to meet the student at his/her assigned school.
- The student rides to his/her assigned school where s/he meets the parent. Should the parent not be available to pick up the child or cannot be reached, other arrangements will be made per individual school protocol.