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Dear bus riding families...

How do you "physical distance" on a school bus?

This is surely the first of many questions that you may have as the 2020-21 school year approaches. You're not alone and we are here to help.

As we make our usual preparations for the new school year, there are a number of UNusual things to preparare for this year as well. Rest assured, as always, our absolute priority is to provide the safest transportation possible for all of our bus riding students. In doing everything we can to help ensure your child's safety on the school bus, the following points are some of the changes that we are implementing this year.

- School bus capacity has been limited to two students per seat. Three to a seat is permissible only for same household siblings. This is to help control virus spread.
- All students will have an assigned seat on the school bus to help with contact tracing should it become necessary.
- All students are expected to wear face coverings to help control virus spread.
- Hand sanitizer is available on all school buses with usage encouraged when boarding.
- All school bus drivers and monitors are expected to wear face coverings and maintain physical distancing as much as possible.
- School bus windows/vents will be open when weather accommodates.
- High contact areas will be sanitized by drivers between routes.
- School buses will be thoroughly disinfected daily.
- Physical distancing at bus stops will be encouraged but not policed by transportation.



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We sincerely request that you become familiar with these changes and please share and review them with your student. **The greater the participation in these measures, the safer and sooner we all can return to a normal school environment.** And please note, if a student refuses to follow the noted safety measures, then transportation privileges will be suspended and the family will be responsible for transporting the student. It could also result in the administrative decision to reassign the student to the virtual learning program.

Please be patient with us as we work through these changes that are new to all of us. And please understand that there may be adjustments as we progress through the semester. I know this is a very anxious time for everyone. There are hundreds of questions out there and it's important that you contact us with any of your questions or concerns. We excitedly welcome all of you back and wish you all the best for the coming school year!

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