



# SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

## COVID-19 Safety Measures

### Face Coverings and PPE

- On-campus face coverings requirement extends to bus stops and for the duration of the bus ride.
- No eating, drinking, or eating when another person is on the bus.

### Loading/Unloading and Bus Stops

- Provide access to hand sanitizer for those entering and exiting the bus.
- Maintain a supply of disposable face coverings for passengers without a cloth face covering.
- Stagger drop-off and pick-up times to avoid large gatherings of students.
- Prevent students from walking past each other by taking the following measures:
  - Seat students from the rear of the bus forward.
  - Board last and seat at the front of the bus any students who need to exit first.
- May assign bus attendants, volunteer or paid, to ensure seating and distancing compliance.

### Ventilation

- Fully open two windows, at minimum.
- Open more windows to increase ventilation if one or more passengers have a condition with higher risk for respiratory transmission, such as tracheostomies and uncontrolled respiratory secretions.
- Avoid air conditioners or fans that blow overhead and create air currents across occupants.

### Cleaning

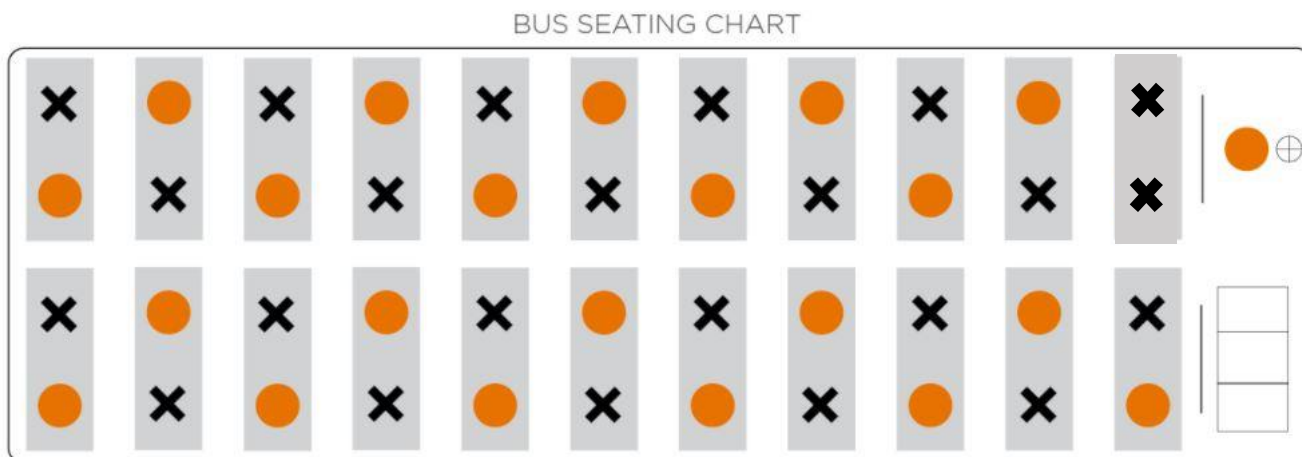
- Require drivers to clean frequently touched surfaces between routes during the day.
- Thoroughly clean buses daily and after transporting any individual who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Wear disposable gloves to clean and disinfect.

### Seating Plan

- Allow one passenger per bench, with six feet of physical distance between passengers, if practical; otherwise maintain no less than three feet of distance between passengers wearing face coverings.
- Maintain at least, and no less than, six feet of distance around the driver, passengers exempt from wearing face coverings, adult passengers, and passengers with conditions indicating higher risk for respiratory transmission, such as tracheostomies and uncontrolled respiratory secretions.
- Do not seat a passenger directly behind the driver, or consider installing a transparent protective barrier (e.g., clear plastic sheeting or plexiglass) between driver seat and passengers.
- Allow passengers from the same household to sit together.

- Assign a single driver to the same bus and same routes.
- Label or cover seats that are unavailable.
- Keep seating assignments as static as possible.
- Keep passenger and seating logs to allow for contact tracing if someone tests positive for COVID-19.
- See seating chart examples on below.

**Seating Chart Example 1:** Seat one student per bench, alternating rows on each side to create a zigzag pattern on the bus, maintaining 3-6 feet distance from the center of each seating position.



**Seating Chart Example 2:** Seat one student per bench on both sides of the bus, skipping every other row, maintaining at least 6 feet distance, from the center of each seating position.

