



The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many changes in our normal routines. As we plan for the 2020-2021 school year, our students' safety and well-being are our primary concerns. We are revising typical transportation routines to implement additional safety protocols as required by the Michigan Return to Learn Roadmap and the requirements of the St. Clair County Health Department. These enhanced safety protocols will be implemented into our transportation routines. Please note:

1. Parents are encouraged to drive students to school whenever possible. Please follow the traffic patterns for your school parking lot, be sure your student has their mask on as they leave the car and remind your student to observe social distancing on their way into the school.
2. All students who walk to school must observe social distancing and wear a mask. Students will be directed on where to go once they arrive on their school campus.
3. Masks are required for all students to ride the bus. Students who do not have a mask may be provided with a disposable mask, if available, prior to boarding. Students will not be permitted to board a bus without a mask. Masks must be worn at all times while riding on the bus. Noncompliance will result in the loss of bus riding privileges.
4. Students will be required to apply hand sanitizer (provided on the bus) as they enter and exit the bus. Please note that the use of hand sanitizer by all students boarding the vehicle will increase the length of time in the boarding process, particularly at pick-up locations with many students.
5. Buses will load from back to front for **am pick up runs**. The first ones picked up will be assigned seats beginning at the back of the bus, then fill the bus towards the front. Siblings/families will sit together.
6. Buses will generally load from front to back for **pm pick up runs**. The first ones to be dropped off will be assigned seats in the front of the bus, then fill the bus towards the back. Siblings/families will sit together.
7. Student lists will be available for each route am/pm. Bus drivers will note who is on the bus each route, so if a child(ren) becomes ill we will know who was sitting around them within the 6' area.
8. Buses will be disinfected after each transit route, am and pm. Disinfecting solution will be provided in sprayers. The driver is required to spray mist this solution inside the entire bus after each morning and afternoon route and/or trip. The entire bus will be disinfected, opening the roof hatches and the rear and entrance doors, spray misting the throughout the bus (anything a student would touch).
9. Additionally, any equipment that is transported on a bus (wheelchairs, etc.) will be thoroughly cleaned.

10. Bus drivers will be responsible to document when the bus is disinfected. There will be additional times when frequently touched surfaces are cleaned, but the bus will be completely disinfected after each route.
11. Bus drivers will wear masks at all times and are required to self-assess their health and potential COVID-19 symptoms daily.
12. During the bus runs, the windows on the bus will be left open slightly to encourage greater air circulation as weather permits. Students should dress appropriately for the weather as the temperature on the bus may be lower than normal.
13. Students may be released in a staggered fashion once at school in order to limit the number of students entering and exiting the school building at any one time.
14. Due to the increased health and safety protocols, buses may be delayed in arrival and departure. The patience of parents, students, and families is appreciated as our schools, drivers, and students adjust to the required changes.

These routines reflect the current requirements of Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start plan. As conditions change, please note our routines may change as well. The transportation measures reflect our goal of student safety. Please contact Transportation Supervisor Janet Robbins if you have any questions.