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## Protocol for Safe Operation of School Buses During Covid

### Protective Equipment:

- Bus operators and attendants will wear face coverings at all times while on the bus.
- Bus staff who work with students who struggle to control saliva and other bodily fluids will have enhanced PPE available, such as; gloves, face visors, and/or medical style gowns.
- Students will be required to wear face coverings on the bus except where schools determine a student with special needs cannot or should not wear a face covering. Bus teams must continue to exercise and demonstrate patience and compassion while working students with special needs.
- Buses will be operated with at least two front and two rear windows partially open to promote fresh air circulation. Heat and air-conditioning (where equipped) will be used to keep internal bus temperature as comfortable as possible. Passengers may need coats inside the bus during cold temperatures.
- Extra masks and hand sanitizer will be available for both students and staff

### Seating:

- Students and bus attendants, if applicable, will sit one person in every seat.
- Students who reside in the same household may sit together in a seat to increase bus capacity.
- The seat behind the driver will remain empty.

### Cleaning:

- Regular cleaning protocols continue.
- Additional cleaning due to COVID:
  - Bus staff will wipe frequently touched surfaces with disinfectant between each load of students.
  - Each evening, all school buses used that day will be sprayed with disinfectant using a high-power sprayer so disinfectant reaches all interior surfaces of the bus.

### Bus Staff:

- Each school bus operator and bus attendant has been trained on the latest information about COVID-19 and how to best prevent its spread.
- Employees will conduct a health self-assessment before reporting to work each day.