

APS TRANSPORTATION

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES S/Y 2021-22

What to Expect From Your Drivers and Monitors:

- To wear face masks or coverings at all times when transporting students.
- To monitor their own health and exposure to Covid-19. If they are feeling sick or know they have been exposed, they will not come to work.
- To be trained on the transportation protocols prior to the restart of school.
- To clean and sanitize high contact surface areas in the bus after all routes, to include, but not limited to, seat belts, seats, door handles, walls and safety seats.
- To use EPA – registered cleaning products.
- To use gloves if required to touch surfaces contaminated with bodily fluids.
- To keep windows open, (a few inches to completely open per weather conditions), and set the ventilation system on high. Do not recirculate the air. Students that need an internal bus temperature may require a creative combination.

Responsibilities of Parents, Guardians and Students:

- Parents or guardians must screen their children prior to boarding a vehicle, including checking symptoms and temperature, if questionable.
- Parents or guardians should not send children to school if they are sick.
- If a child should become sick during the school day, the parent or guardian is responsible for transporting their child home.
- **Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must remain at home at least 10 days and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever and improvements in other symptoms, without the use of fever reducing medication.**
- **If a student or staff member has COVID-19 like symptoms, they may return to school after they have tested negative for COVID-19, have improvement in symptoms, and have been without a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.**
- **Staff or students who demonstrate any COVID-19 symptoms should be tested and must follow the protocols outlined in the document. <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/protocols/>**
- Students must enter their vehicle with clean/or sanitized hands.
- **Students will be required to wear face coverings. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, DUE TO A MEDICAL CONDITION OR OTHER REASONS, THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO BE INFORMED PRIOR TO THE START OF THEIR TRANSPORTATION.**
- Students should maintain physical distance from their fellow passengers and refrain from touching one another's property or sharing items.
- When students have assigned seats they MUST remain in the assigned seat.

Physical Distancing when waiting for, boarding or disembarking the Vehicle:

Thank You for working cooperatively with us to keep our students and drivers healthy. Please contact us with any concerns or questions @ sangelo@arlington.k12.ma.us 781-316-3503