

As-Salam Alay Kum Parents of Bus Students,

In my meeting with you, some parents were concerned about bus safety. When teachers are calling parents about why parents are opting for Online live streaming for their children, parents are saying that they are unsure about bus safety. Below is some information that may be of use to you. I am also providing you with a link to the document that has the information regarding bussing for schools from Alberta Education. Schools are to ensure that the following steps are taken on school busses to ensure student safety. Inshallah this will help you.

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/3bc9f561-36aa-4ac8-8e73-afce55227c05/resource/f71d4554-d91b-4c69-82ed-6bd7efc322e8/download/covid-19-guidance-for-school-re-entry-scenario-1.pdf>

Student Transportation

- Parents and children/students should not be in the pick-up area or enter the bus if they have symptoms of COVID-19. COVID-19 INFORMATION GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL RE-ENTRY – SCENARIO 1 [alberta.ca/ReturntoSchool](https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/3bc9f561-36aa-4ac8-8e73-afce55227c05/resource/f71d4554-d91b-4c69-82ed-6bd7efc322e8/download/covid-19-guidance-for-school-re-entry-scenario-1.pdf) ©2020 Government of Alberta | Published: August 20, 2020
- The driver should be provided with a protective zone, which may include:
 - 2 metre physical distance;
 - Physical barrier;
 - Non-medical face mask;
- Driver will sanitize hands of students once they are on the bus
- Students should be assigned seats and a record of this seating plan should be kept in order to assist with contact tracing in the case of a

student being a case of COVID-19. Students who live in the same household should be seated together.

- Non-medical face masks are required for students in grades 4-12.
- Non-medical face masks may be considered for students in grades K-3, however they are not routinely recommended.
 - **New Rules are being implemented for CIS Students using the bus regarding wearing of face masks on the bus:**
 - **First time** the student takes off their mask on the bus - a warning will be given to the student
 - **Second time** the student takes off their mask on the bus - The student will not be allowed to ride the bus for one day
 - **Third time** the student takes off their mask on the bus- The student will no longer be able to ride on the bus
- Schools should develop procedures for student loading, unloading and transfers that support physical distancing of 2 metres between all persons (except household members), when possible and may include:
 - Children/students start loading from the back seats to the front of the bus.
 - Where feasible, limit the number of students per bench unless from the same household.
 - Students from the same household may share seats.
 - Students start unloading from the front seats to the back of the bus.
 - A child who becomes symptomatic during the bus trip should be provided a mask if they are not already wearing one. The driver will contact the school to make the appropriate arrangements to pick up the child/student (see Responding to Illness above).
- Bus cleaning and records:
 - Increase frequency of cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces, such as door handles, window areas, rails, steering wheel, mobile devices and GPS prior to each run.
 - It is recommended that vehicle cleaning logs be kept.

Please note that Bus students will be:

- .Dropped off at OBK around 7:45 am in the morning
- .Picked up from OBK on Monday at 12:05 pm and
- .From Tuesday to Friday, at 2:30 pm
- .Buses will begin on Monday, September 8th, 2020

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