

Transportation Procedures for School Re-Entry — Scenario 1

- Parents and children/students should not be in the pick-up area or enter the bus if they have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Masks are mandatory for all students (K to Grade 12) on yellow buses. This does not include pre-kindergarten/100 Voices students; however the Division does recommend the use of masks for pre-kindergarten/100 Voices students as physical distancing is not always possible on yellow buses. Exemptions also apply to students in Inclusive Education programs who are not capable of putting on and using a mask properly or students with severe sensory issues that make mask wearing not feasible. ECSD staff will collaborate with parents to determine if a student with special needs is capable of wearing a mask properly. Bus drivers will have a limited supply of masks for students who do not have a mask with them.
- The driver will be provided with a protective zone, which may include:
 - 2 metre physical distance;
 - non-medical mask
- Students will be assigned seats and a record of this seating plan will be kept in order to assist with contact tracing in the case of a student having COVID-19. Students who live in the same household should be seated together.
- 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
 - Children/students start unloading from the front seats to the back 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
- If a child becomes symptomatic during the bus trip, the driver will inform school staff upon arrival at the school so that appropriate arrangements can be made to pick up the child/student.
- All contracted carriers will be implementing enhanced cleaning procedures. Cleaning of high touch surfaces will be done before and after every run. Increased frequency of cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces includes wipe down the entry doors, wipe railing, wipe seat tops-backs-fronts-seats, and wipe wall under windows. Drivers' protocol includes wipe steering wheel, hazard and indicator arm, dash, buttons, seat belt buckles, and radio.