

Carroll County Public Schools
Transportation Services Department
COVID-19 School Bus Operational Guidance for Parents

- 1) All students riding the bus will be required to wear a parent –provided cloth face covering for the entire time that they are on the bus. Exceptions for special need students and students with medical conditions must be pre-approved by your child’s school administration. Students not complying with the face-covering requirement will be asked once by the driver to comply; continued non-compliance will be referred to school administration.
- 2) CCPS buses will operate with one student per seat (exception for siblings and students from the same household). The seat immediately behind the driver will be left empty.
- 3) As much as possible, students will be seated from back to front when boarding the bus and unload front to back. Students will be directed to sit as close to the window as possible. To allow for the potential need to conduct contact tracing, the bus driver will be responsible for preparing a seating chart on the first day of school. It is important for your child to remain in their assigned seat at all times while riding the bus. *NOTE- Unless with an older sibling, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will be seated in the front of the bus, regardless of order of loading.*
- 4) To improve airflow throughout the bus, bus windows and roof vents will be open as appropriate for outside temperature and weather conditions.
- 5) Drivers and attendants are required to wear cloth face coverings while students are boarding or disembarking the bus. Drivers are permitted to remove their face coverings while driving if they feel the face covering is a hindrance to safe driving.
- 6) After the completed morning route and after the completed afternoon route, buses will be cleaned and disinfected on high- touch areas of the bus to include, seat fronts, backs and bottoms, windows and window frames, handrails, service door, driver compartment switches , steering wheel, rear view mirror and entry door mechanism.
- 7) Drivers and attendants will be responsible for daily monitoring of their temperature and health status prior to entering their bus in accordance with CDC, Maryland Department of Health, and local Health Department guidelines.
- 8) Parents will be required to self-monitor their children’s health. (See Maryland Department of Health and Maryland Department of Education guidance attached.)
- 9) If a student or driver tests positive for COVID-19 or expresses symptoms of COVID 19, we will follow CCPS and Carroll County Health Department recommendations for contact tracing, possible isolation or quarantining. Parents will be notified if their child has been identified within the contact tracing protocol per the Maryland Department of Health and CDC guidance.

Should you have any questions regarding these procedures and/ or your child’s transportation during COVID 19, please contact the Transportation Services Department at 410.751.3229.