



SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION DURING COVID-19

We are all doing our part to maintain safety during the COVID-19 pandemic and are looking forward to students being back in school. If you have questions or concerns regarding transportation this year, please email transportation@summer.com. This year, it will be very important that all drivers have an up-to-date passenger list at all times.

Riding the School Bus:

We are asking for your cooperation and your child's in continuing to operate the buses in a safe and efficient manner.

Our bus driver's take your child's safety extremely seriously. Our bus drivers have a tremendous responsibility, and need your support in helping to educate all of our students around the rules for riding the school bus. Here is a brief review of our bus rules and expectations – we ask that you review these with your children before they ride the bus:

Below are instructions for students to safely ride their school bus during COVID-19.

1. Students who are sick will need to be kept home. Students who develop symptoms while at school will not be permitted to return home on a school bus and should be picked up by a parent or guardian. We are not able to transport students who are ill or showing symptoms.
2. **Get to your pick up stop 5 minutes early.**
3. Parents will be responsible for their child's safety at the bus stop. It is recommended that parents remain with their child K-5 until the bus departs in the morning and then again meet their child at the bus in the afternoon.
4. To ensure that your child is as safe as possible, please review safety procedures before riding the bus:
 - a. Line up with limited contact when waiting for the school bus.
 - b. Ensure you are practicing social distancing at the bus stop site.**
 - c. For students in grades 6 – 12, please wear your mask. For elementary aged students, wearing a mask will be a family choice.**
 - d. Always follow the driver's instructions.
 - e. When loading onto the bus, go to the furthest available seat unless the driver instructs otherwise.
 - f. When unloading the bus, wait until the seat in front has moved before you get up to go, ensure physical distancing is observed.
 - g. After leaving the bus, always stay where the school bus driver can see you.**
 - h. When space is available students will be seated in the window seat away from the aisle.
 - i. When possible bus routes will utilize a strict seating plan that reflects cohort and family groupings.
 - j. No eating or drinking (except water) on the school bus.
5. School Buses **will not** be accepting unregistered riders which includes after-school friends coming home with a bus student. Alternate transportation will need to be arranged in those cases.
6. Students from grades 6-12 will be required to wear masks while riding the school bus as directed by the Ministry of Education. Masks will be provided to students at their school.

In order to keep students and staff as safe as possible, we will require bus students to follow the above rules very closely to avoid the risk of losing their busing privileges. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

***PLEASE NOTE: Your child's school bus driver has the option to wear a surgical mask while driving their bus as well as a face shield/safety glasses when the bus is stopped, and although this has become normal practice for some, please prepare your child for this change in their bus driver's attire.*

As this is an ever changing environment, Ministry needs may change as the school year progresses.