

# SLCS Transportation During COVID-19 Pandemic

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# SLCS TRANSPORTATION MISSION

The Transportation Department at South Lyon Community Schools plays an integral role in the support of the educational process. The mission of SLCS Transportation is to provide a consistent, safe, timely and positive busing experience for the students of South Lyon Community Schools.



**SLCS Transportation has implemented the following safety protocols to align with the Governor's MI Safe Start Road Map and CDC guidelines.**

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/whitmer/MI\\_Safe\\_Schools\\_Roadmap\\_FINAL\\_695392\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/whitmer/MI_Safe_Schools_Roadmap_FINAL_695392_7.pdf)

# SLCS Transportation to/from School During Phase 4

- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected by the driver before and after every transit route.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected prior to the morning routes and after the afternoon routes.
- Additionally, buses will be sprayed down with a static sprayer at the end of each week.
- Students will be seated from back to front and dismissed front to back to lessen the amount of passing times.
- Students will be in assigned seats and expected to stay in those seats every day to & from school.
- Siblings that ride together will be seated together. All other students will be assigned by Transportation office.
- Students and staff are required to wear a face mask while on the bus.
- Windows and hatches will be opened to allow for air flow when weather permits.
- Students are required to use hand sanitizer when boarding the bus.
- Students should practice social distancing at bus stops.
- Students will be expected to board the bus one at a time to allow for the student in front of them to use the hand sanitizer and move towards their seat.
- Students will be expected to remain in their seats when they arrive at the school in the morning until the driver dismisses them.
- Students will be expected to remain in their seats on the ride home until the driver dismisses them.

# SLCS Transportation to/from School During Phase 5

- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected prior to the morning routes and after the afternoon routes.
- Additionally, buses will be sprayed down with a static sprayer at the end of each week.
- Students will be seated from back to front and dismissed front to back to lessen the amount of passing times.
- Students will be in assigned seats and expected to stay in those seats every day to & from school.
- Siblings that ride together will be seated together. All other students will be assigned according to stop.
- Students and staff are required to wear a face mask while on the bus.
- Windows and hatches will be opened to allow for air flow when weather permits.
- Students are required to use hand sanitizer when boarding the bus.
- Students should practice social distancing at bus stops.
- Students will be expected to board the bus one at a time to allow for the student in front of them to use the hand sanitizer and move towards their seat.
- Students will be expected to remain in their seats when they arrive at the school in the morning until the driver dismisses them.
- Students will be expected to remain in their seats on the ride home when the bus arrives at a group stop until the driver dismisses them.

# Transportation to/from Athletic Trips During Phase 4 & 5

- Hand Sanitizer to be used upon entering bus (mounted in bus)
- Face masks are to be worn entire ride to/from (driver, coaches, athletes, staff)
- Distance on bus when possible
- Load (seating) on bus back to front/unload front to back to decrease times of passing others
- Buses cleaned/disinfected all touch points between drop off and pick up (seats, rails, windows, sanitizer, doors)
- Windows & hatches opened while bus moving when weather permits
- Athletes, coaches, staff should not ride bus if ill or symptomatic
- Steer clear of fist pumps, high fives, etc.

# Bus Cleaning Procedure during Phase 4

AM & PM Routes

Clean & disinfect between transit routes by wiping seats & student touch points

Clean & disinfect frequently touched surface after AM & PM routes when bus is parked back in bus yard

Clean, sanitize & disinfect equipment such as wheelchair tie downs, seat straps

Student touchpoints are:

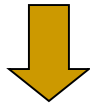
- Bus seats (bottom, top, sides and back)
- Handrail, service door, hand sanitizer holder
- Wall near window where students sat
- Wheelchair tie downs, seat straps

Frequently touched surfaces are ALL of the above PLUS:

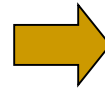
- Steering wheel, switches, brake pull, seat belt

# Bus Cleaning Procedure during Phase 5

AM & PM Routes



Clean & disinfect frequently touched surfaces after AM & PM routes when bus is parked back in bus yard



Clean, sanitize & disinfect equipment such as wheelchair tie downs, seat straps

Frequently touched surfaces are:

- Bus seats (bottom, top, sides and back)
- Handrail, service door, hand sanitizer holder
- Wall near window where students sat
- Wheelchair tie downs, seat straps
- Steering wheel, switches, brake pull, seat belt



# Bus Cleaning Procedure When Report of Sick Rider

- If there is a report of a sick student or staff member that rode the bus, all touch points will be cleaned and disinfected. Additionally the bus will be pulled for the day, sprayed with an electrostatic sprayer and ventilated to sit overnight before being put back into service.

# FAQ's

- **Does my student have to wear a mask on the bus?**

Please see South Lyon Community Return to School FAQ document found on the website.

<https://www.slcs.us/Return%20to%20School%20FAQ%207.31.pdf>

- **What if my student forgets their face mask at home?**

We know some students might forget their mask. We have you covered! We will have disposable masks on each bus in case a student forgets theirs.

- **Will Daycare requests or emergency bus passes be approved during Phase 4 & 5?**

Students will be given an assigned seat on the bus. During Phase 4 & 5 daycare busing will not be approved. Students will be assigned a bus based on their primary residence. Students may not ride any bus other than the one assigned to them at this time.

We are ready for this 20-21 school year and are looking forward to transporting our students again soon!