

WORKING DOCUMENT

Braxton County Schools Transportation Protocols School Re-Entry 2020-2021



To ensure the safe re-entry of both students and staff, the transportation team is enacting many procedures and practices. Due to the fluidity of the situation and to the evolving of the best scientific practices, the transportation team is determined to stay abreast of the most current practices and make changes as they are necessary for the good of the students and staff.

Cleaning/Disinfecting/Sanitizing

- Each bus will be cleaned and disinfected twice a day (after both morning and evening runs).
- Bus operators will use U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved chemicals including the industry-leading Protexus and Victory Electrostatic Sprayers which provide the highest level of disinfection coverage for all surfaces.
- School bus windows and doors will be open during cleaning and disinfecting procedures to increase air circulation.

Bus Loading at Bus Stops

- Masks/face coverings must be worn at all times by all occupants.
- Hand disinfectant must be used and thoroughly spread throughout the hands and fingers upon entering the bus.
- One student will load at a time. The next student waits until the previous student turns down the bus aisle.
- Social distancing is strongly encouraged at the bus stop, will be taught to all students, and will continue to be encouraged if the bus operator finds this is not the case.

Bus Seating

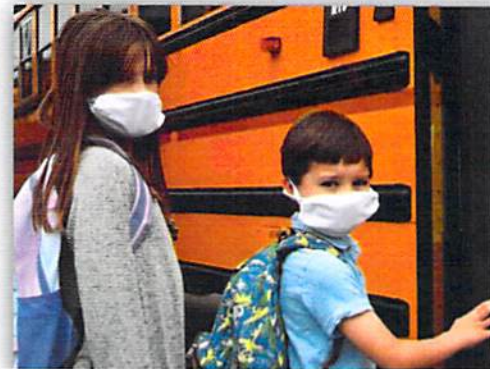
- All students will have an assigned seat. Bus operators will call each family to see who is riding the bus in advance to enable assigned seating on the first morning.
- Students will be seated two per seat unless living in same household, then possibly three.
- Bus stop groups of students may be seated in the same section of the bus.
- When appropriate and safe, windows will be open to increase air circulation.
- When possible, seat assignment will be based on location of the bus stop. Students loading first will be seated in back of the grade level section of the bus. Students loading last would be in front of the grade level section.

Bus Unloading at School

- Students leave the bus by assigned seat, right side to left side, front to back, one seat at a time (i.e., right front seat, then left front seat, and so on).
- If more than one bus arrives at a school, the front bus unloads. When the front bus starts to move away, the next bus moves up and unloads.
- School staff will be available to assist with monitoring bus unloading and students entering the school.

Bus Loading at Schools

- Bus loading will be individualized to schools based on student population.



Discipline

- Infractions of protocol will be handled as in the past years.

Bus Passes

- Students will ride the bus as assigned by their home location.
- Rides to day care or to another “permanent” option will be available based on capacity and must have a bus pass on file with bus operator.
- Bus passes for the same bus but different stop will be honored.

Ill Student at Bus Stop

- Preschoolers to 3rd graders – Are to return home with the parent/approved adult.
- 4th graders to 12th graders – The bus operator will radio the bus garage to inform the parent.
 - Ill student will immediately return home only if the parent is quickly contacted.
 - If parent is not contacted, ill student will be taken to his/her school. The student must wear a surgical mask during the route.

Ill Student During Bus Route

- After the bus pulls over, the ill student will move to the front seat opposite the driver.
- If the student is wearing a cloth mask, it will be changed to a surgical mask.
- The bus operator will radio the bus garage.
- The bus garage will call the parent to meet the student at his/her assigned school.
- The student rides to his/her assigned school where s/he meets the parent.
- Should the parent not be available to pick up the child or cannot be reached, other arrangements will be made per individual school protocol.
- Per WVDE Office of Pupil Transportation, due to safety standards and testing, school bus manufacturers have not recommended any change to school buses such as plexiglass or see-through plastic. Should a manufacturer recommendation become available, changes will be made.



Social Distancing



Wear Face Coverings



Wash or Sanitize your Hands



Do Not Share Pens/Writing Utensils



Do Not Touch your Face



Cough/Sneeze into your Elbow or Tissue



Do Not Come to School if Ill

Plans are fluid and based on the status of the pandemic.