



ABERDEEN HALL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

TRANSPORTATION: SAFE RETURN TO CAMPUS GUIDELINES – STAGE 2

The following guidelines have been implemented for student transportation on Aberdeen Hall buses:

- Buses used for transporting students will be cleaned and disinfected according to the guidance provided by **BCCDC's Guidelines on Cleaning and Disinfectants**. Additional guidance is available from **Transport Canada**.
- Bus drivers must assess themselves daily for symptoms of the common cold, influenza, or COVID-19 prior to entering the school or worksite.
- Bus drivers will clean their hands often, including before and after completing trips. They are encouraged to regularly use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol during trips.
- Liquid sanitization pumps will be available for student use on all school buses.
- Bus drivers are required to wear a non-medical mask, a face covering, or a face shield (in which case a non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) when they cannot maintain physical distance or be behind a physical barrier in the course of their duties. Schools will have non-medical masks.
- Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of the common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory diseases before sending them to school. If a child has any symptoms, they must not take the bus or go to school.
- Guest passengers on the school bus will not be permitted; only those assigned to the seat/route may ride.
- Students may not consume food or beverages while riding the school bus, with the exception of a personal water bottle. Lunch & snacks must remain in the student's backpack or lunch kit.
- Students should clean their hands before they leave home to take the bus, when they leave school prior to taking the bus, and when they get home.
- Where possible, bus line-up areas should be set up to prevent crowding and allow for physical distancing of 2 meters. Schools will attempt to provide support for students who are not able to physically distance.
- Middle and Secondary students are **required** to wear non-medical masks when they are on the bus. Exceptions will be made for students who cannot wear masks due to a medical reason.
- Non-medical masks are not recommended for Elementary school students due to the increased likelihood they will touch their face and eyes, as well as require assistance to properly put on and take off their mask (requiring increased close personal contact from school staff).
- Assigned seating will be arranged and implemented. Aberdeen Hall will keep up-to-date passenger and seating arrangement lists to share with public health should contact tracing need to occur. The seating arrangement can be altered whenever necessary to

support student health and safety (e.g. accommodating children with a physical disability, responding to behavioral issues, etc.).

- Bus drivers will consider the order students typically load on and off to support buses being loaded from back to front and unloaded from front to back.
- Students will have their own bus bench (unless sharing with a member of their household) and sit separated side to side and front to back.
- We encourage private vehicle use and active transportation (e.g. biking, walking, etc.) where possible to decrease transportation density.

Sincerely,

Aberdeen Hall Transportation