



RE: TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES, Private School Riders on SD27 Buses

Dear Parents;

Part of SD#27's School Restart Plan includes a number of transportation items that need to be communicated. Many elements are similar to the spring, although there are some increased health and safety guideline to accompany the full return of students.

Below are the following guidelines:

- Parents must do the daily health check, ensuring their child(ren) do not have signs of illness (common cold, influenza, COVID-19 like symptoms) before leaving home.
- **If a child has any symptoms, they must not take the bus or go to school.**
- Parents must ensure their child(ren) has washed their hands upon leaving their home.
- If room allows, students should sit one per seat, next to the window. If space is limited, students from the same household or cohort may sit together.
- Masks must be worn by middle and high school students (Grades 7-12) while on the bus. Students must arrive at the bus with their mask **beginning on their first trip**. If a student can't wear a mask for medical reasons, the bus dispatch office must be informed before the student rides the bus.
- Students must remain seated. No food or drinks. Large items that can't sit on a student's lap will not be allowed on the bus or in the under compartments. This includes large instruments and hockey bags.
- Students will need to be registered to ride the bus. The registration form can be found on the district website. Forms can be emailed to [wl.busing@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:wl.busing@sd27.bc.ca) or faxed to 250-398-8917. Please phone the bus dispatch office at 250-398-8632 for assistance. Students may only ride on the bus they are registered on.
- Attendance will be taken for each trip.
- Buses will be disinfected after each trip.
- If a student develops symptoms at school: **Parents or caregivers must pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill.**

Thank you for your attention to these details. Our primary focus remains the health and safety of students and staff.