

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

At this time, Stage 2 Protocols to note are:

- Students are required to be registered annually to ride the bus. Online registration is now open on the SD 8 website. To enable us to prepare seating plans etc., Please register as soon as possible
- Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. If a child has any symptoms, they must not take the bus.
- Where possible, bus line up areas should be set up to prevent crowding, and allow for physical distancing of 2m.
- Students must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to boarding the bus.
- Students are to load only after the person in front of them is at the top of the stairway.
- Students will be assigned seats.
- Students in Middle and Secondary School MUST wear masks and we recommend that younger students wear them as well when riding the bus.

Transportation services will resume on Thursday September 10, 2020.

*NOTE: This information is subject to change at any time based on information from the Public Health Office and Ministry of Education.*

**Registrations must be done annually. Please register your child online as soon as possible at <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/schools/busing-transportation>** It is very important that all drivers have an up-to-date passenger list at all times.