



SCHOOL BUSES PROTOCOL

GUIDELINES FOR CHAPERONES AND DRIVERS

- If the driver and the chaperone show symptoms of the disease prior to starting the route, they must not take the service and follow the protocol for suspicious cases of COVID-19 and notify the school nurses. Additionally, they should not work the route if they had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case and show symptoms. In such case they will be considered as positive for COVID-19 and must self-isolate accordingly.
- The use of face mask for drivers and chaperones is optional.
- Hand sanitizer inside the micro is mandatory. When entering the micro and before exiting, students have to sanitize their hands with hand sanitizer.
- If drivers observe any symptoms in students, they have to notify Lincoln nurses.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

- The students should be accompanied by an adult until the moment they get on the bus.
- During the ride, the use of a mask is optional.
- During the commute students will have to remain seated at all times.
- All students have to wear a seatbelt during the commute.
- Students will have to present only one address.

Positive COVID-19 case

- According to protocol, if a confirmed COVID-19 case appeared, he/she should isolate according to his/her vaccination status (7 days if he/she is fully vaccinated or 10 days if he/she has only 1 dose or is unvaccinated).
- If any of the members of the bus shows Covid-19 symptoms, he/she will be considered as a suspicious case and he/she should isolate according to his/her vaccination status (7 days if he/she is fully vaccinated or 10 days if he/she has only 1 dose or is unvaccinated).



SECURITY INSIDE THE BUS

Vehicle occupancy capacity

- The bus services may use all the seats available, thus reaching 100% of their transport capacity, complying with the hygiene and health guidelines established in this protocol.
- The vehicle must circulate with the windows open, with a minimum opening of 10 cm and the air conditioner should be used in fan mode.
- Drivers will have to remove curtains and other fabric elements that may hold the virus, except the ones used to cover the seats and sides of the vehicles.

CLEANING OF THE BUS

Sanitizing and disinfection process:

Vehicle conditioning

Before and after each ride, the vehicle will have to be disinfected using bleach, alcohol or ammonium, in agreement with the indications provided by the Health Ministry. Pay special attention to handrails, backseats and all elements that are used to support passengers.

In order to have a common understanding of the terms used in this section, cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection are in agreement with the CDC's guidelines for school cleaning:

1. When **cleaning**, germs, dust, and dirt are removed from surfaces and objects. Cleaning works when using soap (or detergent) and water to physically remove germs from surfaces. This process does not necessarily mean killing germs, but by removing them, the risk of spreading diseases or infections is lowered.
2. When **disinfecting**, germs in surfaces and objects are killed. Disinfection works by utilizing chemicals to exterminate germs. This process does not necessarily clean dirty areas, but by killing germs after the cleaning process, the risk of spreading a disease or infection is mitigated.
3. **Sanitizing** lowers the number of germs on surfaces and objects, in agreement with public health standards. This process works when cleaning and



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disinfecting surfaces and objects to lower the risk of spreading a disease or infection.