




# Superintendent Update

September 23, 2020




**TOWN HALL MEETING**

**RETURN TO SCHOOL FALL 2020**

Our Students. Our Future.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020





**Pushing Pause**



**MEMBERS ONLY**

## Synergy Session

*With*  
**Dr. Scott Smith, Superintendent & Dr. Dale Farrell, Chief of Staff/HR Director**

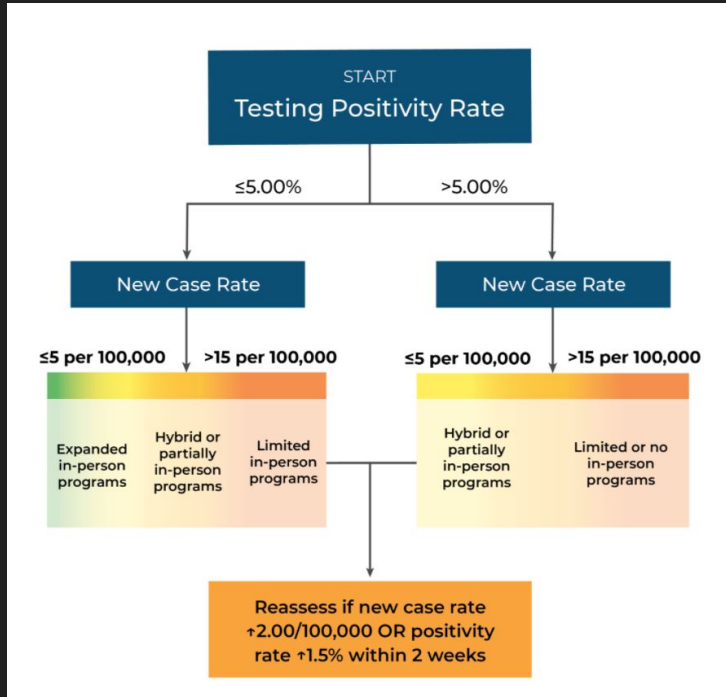
Late night  
 with Dale  
 & Scott

LIMITED APPEARANCES

**TONIGHT**  
**8:00 p.m. via Zoom**

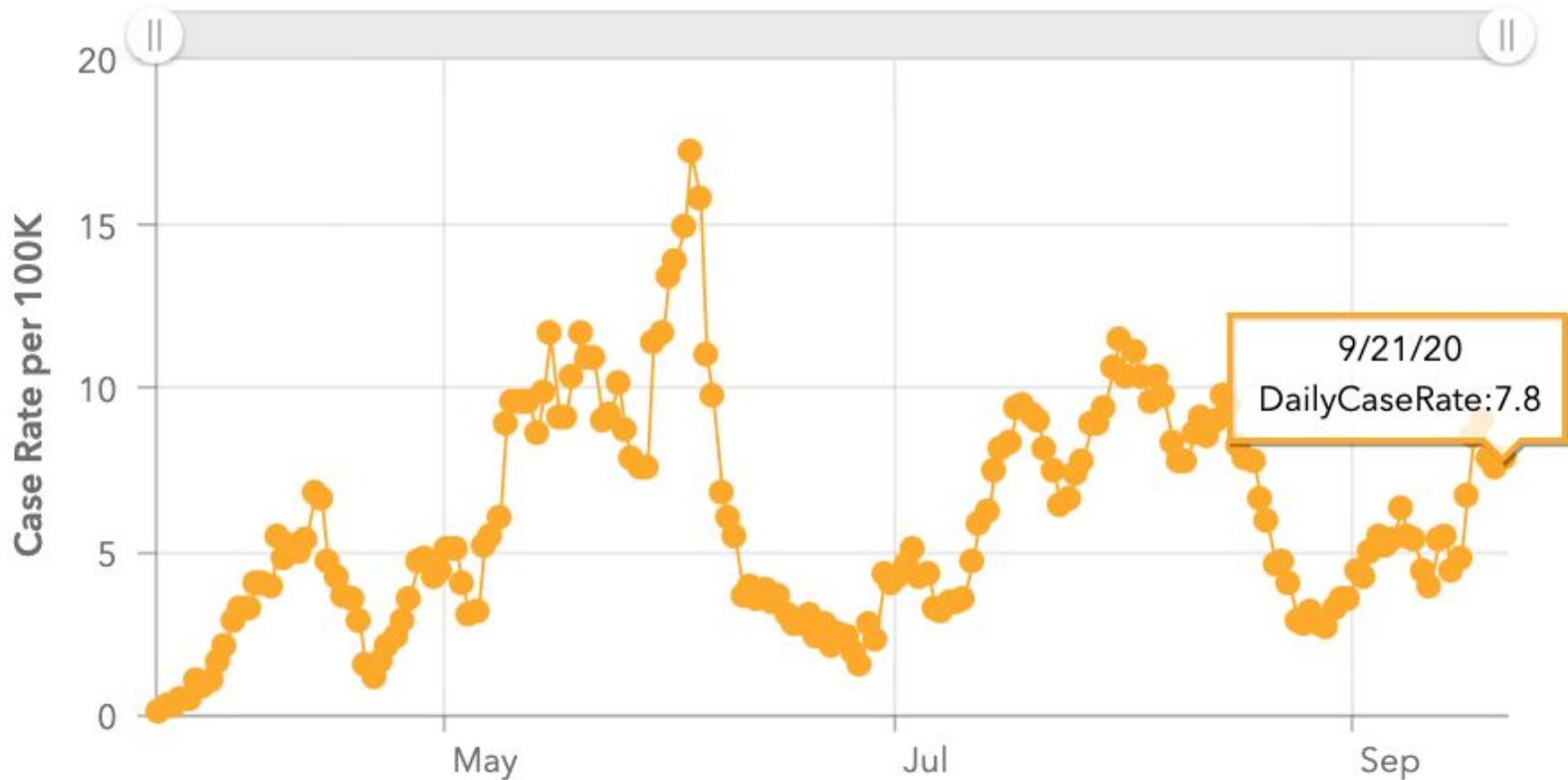
1. Register in advance using the registration link provided. Meeting link will be emailed directly following registration.
2. You must log in using your real name and registered Zoom ID/password (see no. 1).
3. We are unable to include questions received via email in advance.
4. Enter your question or comment in the chat.
5. Due to the volume of participants (yay), you will be muted until called on to read your item.
6. Repetitive and previously answered items will be skipped.
7. Any remaining questions and comments at the end of the session will be shared in writing and responses provided back to you via EASMC.

# Governor's Guidance on Reopening Schools

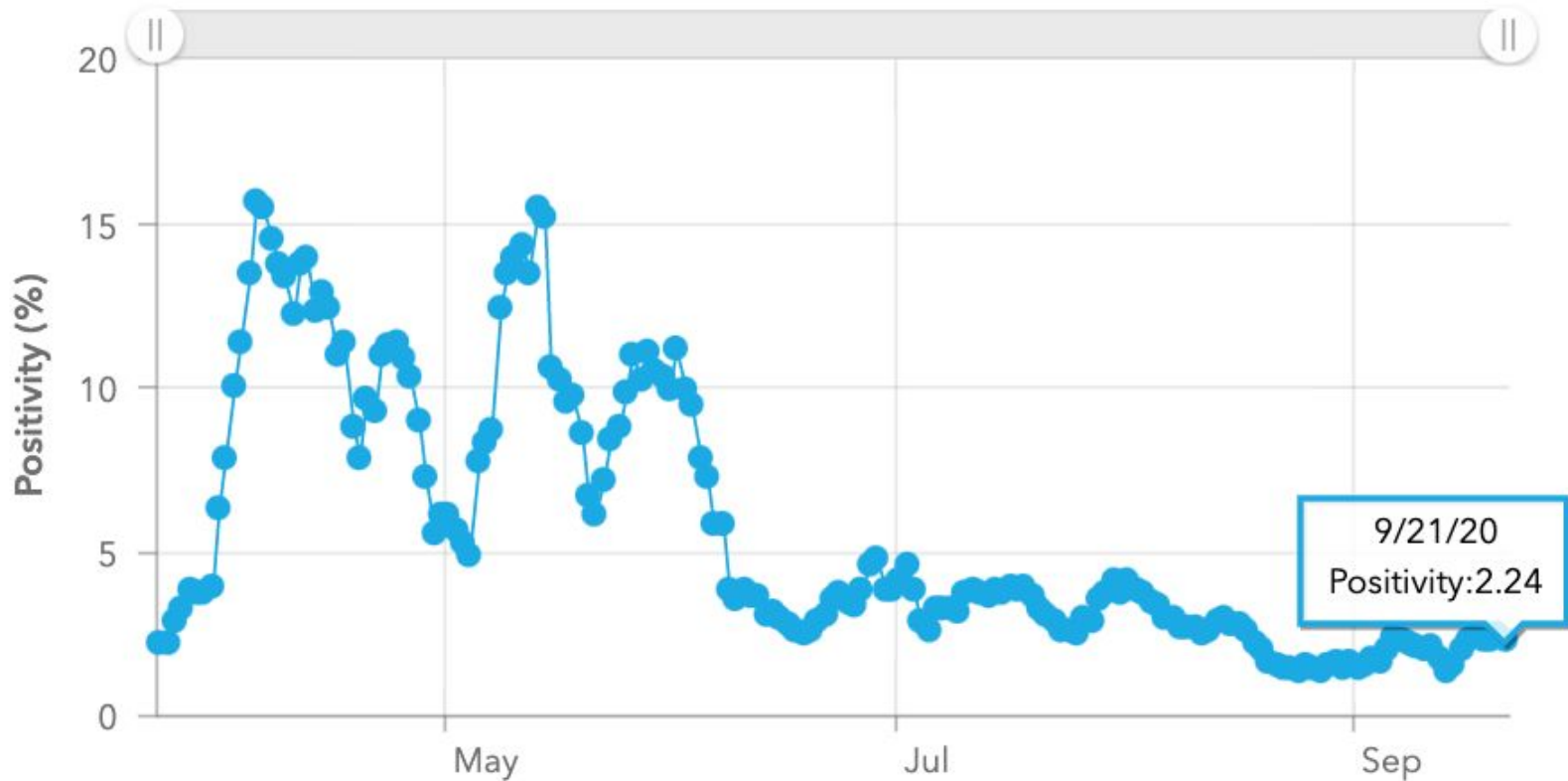


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# Case Rate per 100K

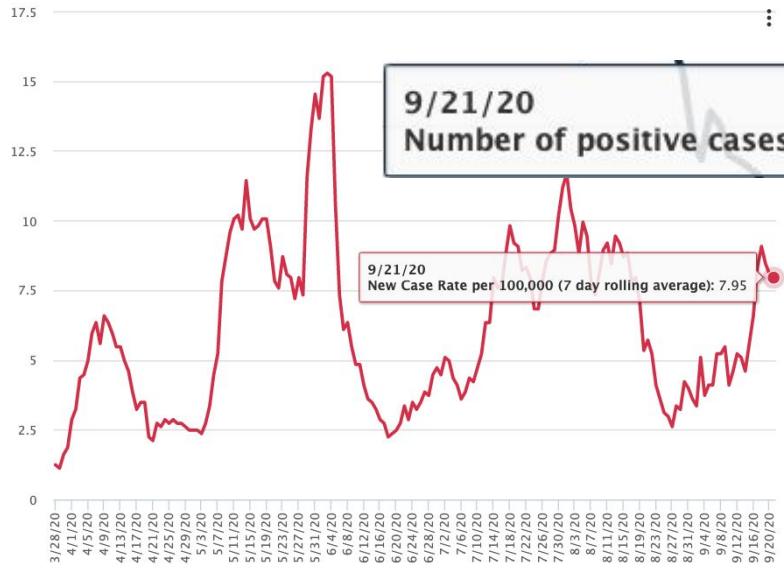


# Percent Positive Rate (7-Day Avg)

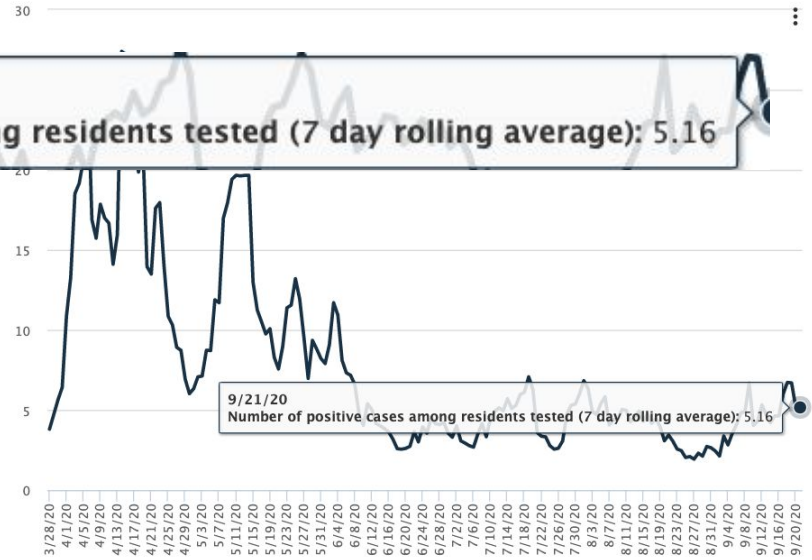


# St. Mary's County Health Department

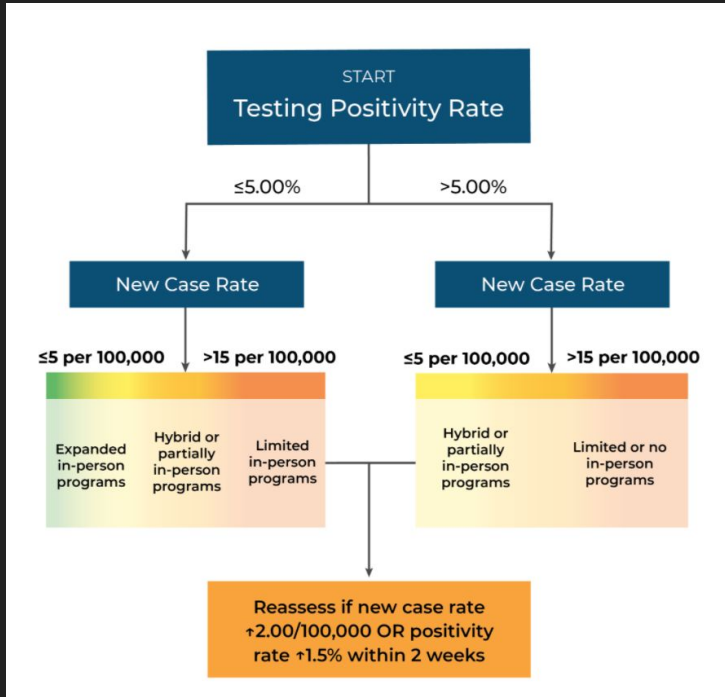
New case rate per 100,000 (7 day rolling average)



Percentage of positive cases among residents tested (7 day rolling average)



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# Pushing Pause





# What we all need to do to have schools reopen

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- **Wear a face mask** when around others
- Practice **social distancing** with six feet of separation
  - If social distancing is not possible - keep interactions under 15 minutes
- **Wash your hands**
- Use **hand sanitizer**
- **Avoid high risk settings** - indoor dining, indoor spaces, and social settings where distancing is not possible



# Revised Timeline / October

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## October:

- Regional Programs
- Head Start AM/PM sessions
- Pre K AM/PM sessions
- Orientation day for grades K, 6, and 9

## November:

- All students able to return with Hybrid A/B schedule

# Topics from Town Hall 9/16/2020

## Supporting Services

- What will the return to school look like?
  - Health and Safety Protocols
  - Classroom setup
  - Cafeteria and general spaces
  - High Schools
- Cleaning and Facilities
- Transportation
- Athletics

# **Health and Safety Protocols**

# In the School /At the Workplace

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**Hand Washing**



**Hand Sanitizer**



**Face Coverings**



**Physical Distancing**



**Cleaning**



**Training**

# What does this look like?

In the classroom...



# **What does this look like?**

In the cafeteria and special areas..

# **What does this look like?**

In the high schools...



# **Cleaning and Facilities**

# Cleaning of Surfaces

## CDC Guidance:

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces within the school and on school buses at least daily or between use as much as possible.

Areas cleaned multiple times per day based on staff availability and access to areas:

- Doorknobs; door hardware; panic bars, push plates
- Light switches
- Soap and paper towel dispenser handles
- Handrails in stairwells, restrooms, ramps and hallways
- Elevator buttons
- Refrigerator handles, vending machine buttons, refrigerator and microwave buttons
- Sink fixtures
- Restrooms: sink fixtures, toilet fixtures, partition doors and hardware, dispensers, counters
- Water fountains
- Copier buttons



# Cleaning of Surfaces

Disinfectants utilized by SMCPS are approved by the EPA for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19:

- MDRO/MRSA One Step Disinfectant (EPA Reg # 10324-155)
- Oxivir Tb (EPA Reg # 70627-56)

## Areas cleaned at least once per day:

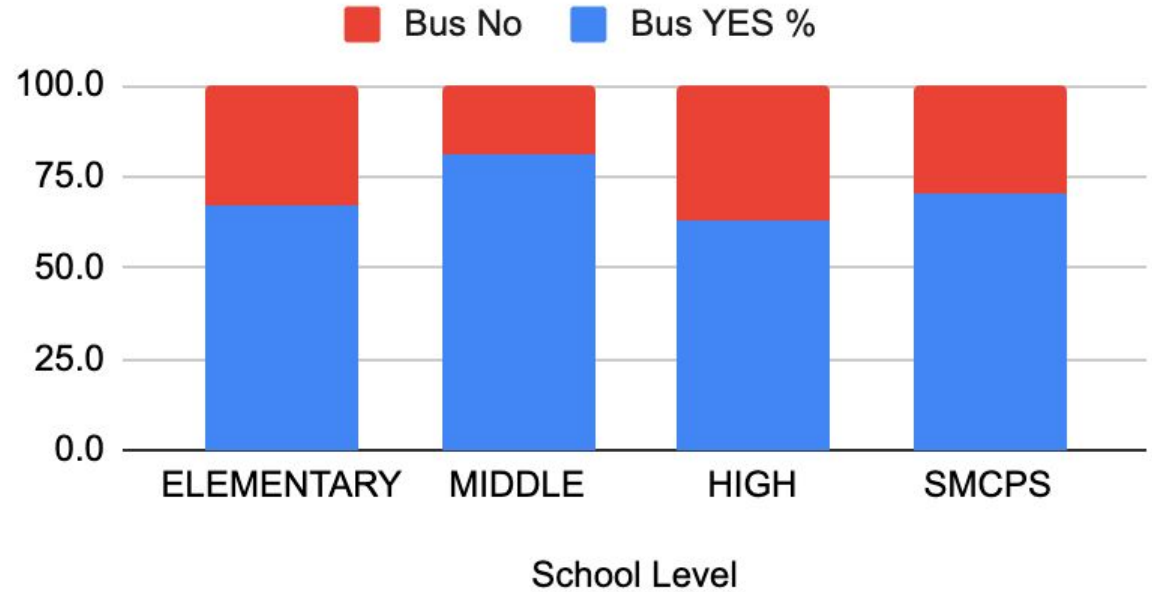
- Trash and recycling container lids in common areas
- Tables
- Countertops
- Desktops
- Pencil sharpeners
- Playgrounds



**Transportation**

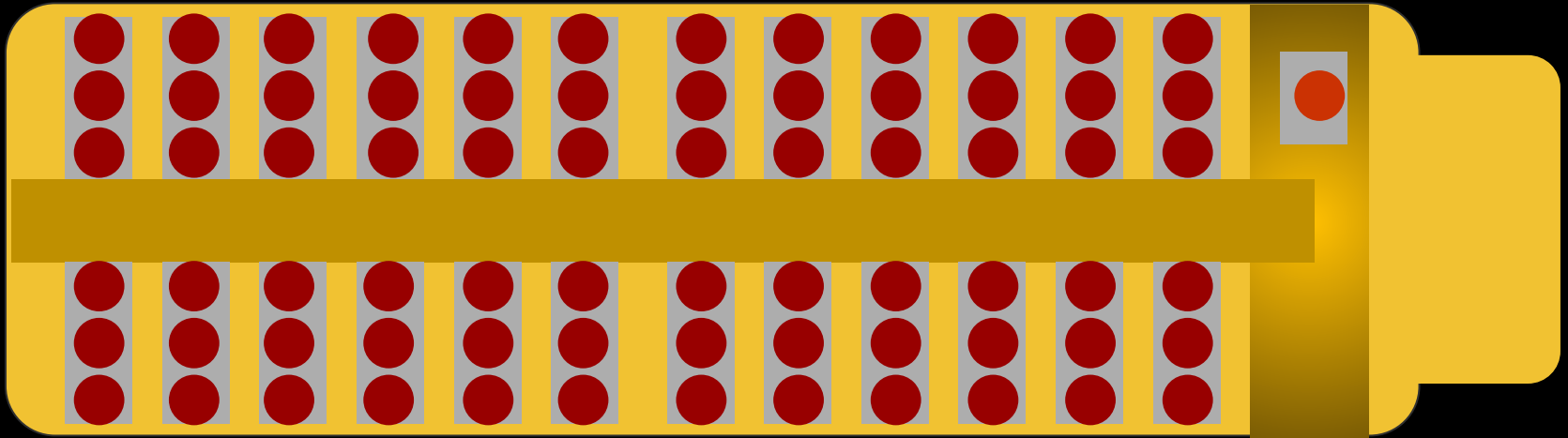
When your child returns to school, will they ride the SMCPS bus?

## Bus Transportation



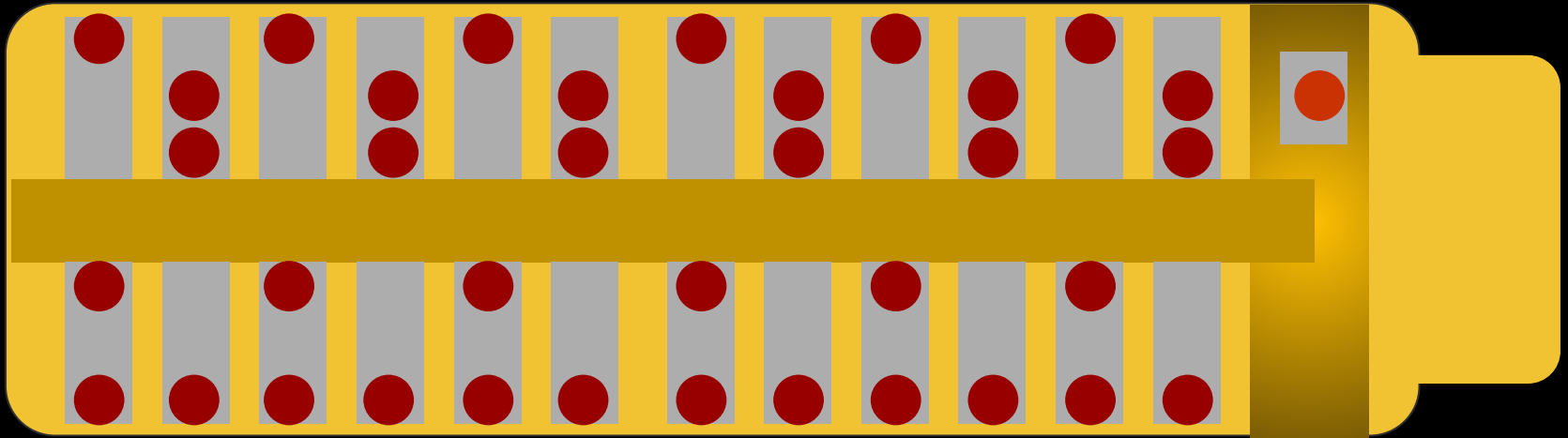
# Bus Transportation

Typical full school bus



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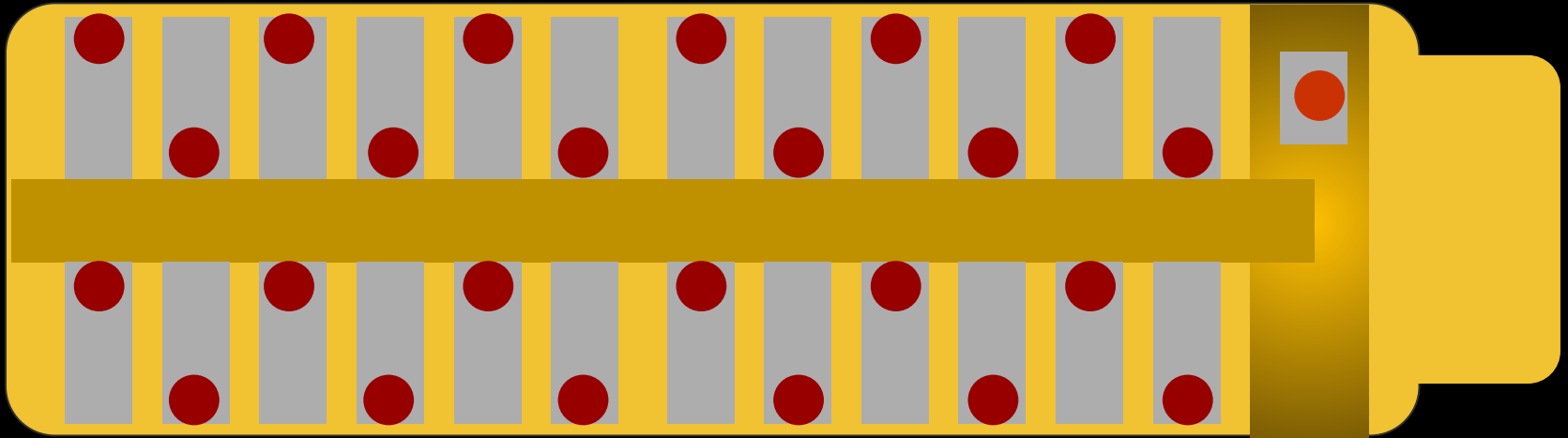
50% capacity school bus



# Bus Transportation

30% capacity school bus

Masks are required on buses.





# Cleaning of Buses

Clean and disinfect all “high touch” areas *after each route*:

- door handles
- handrails
- dashboard items
- seatbelts and safety vests (on special needs buses)
- Wheelchair tie downs and liftgate items as used

In addition to the “high touch” areas listed above, clean and disinfect the following areas *at the end of the day*:

- bench seats
- seat backs
- top of seats
- sidewalls of seating areas occupied by students

# Athletics

## First Semester Athletics and Extracurricular Engagement Plan

- **Spring Sports** - September 21, 2020 - October 23, 2020
- **Fall Sports** - October 26, 2020 - December 4, 2020
  - Closed November 23rd - November 27th (Thanksgiving Week)
- **Winter Sports** - December 7, 2020 - January 28, 2021
  - Closed December 14th - January 3rd (Winter Break)

\*All students participating in first semester athletic and extracurricular activities will be required to have a current physical on file with the school, a signed COVID-19 Acknowledgement Form, and be officially registered through FamilyID.

# Education Stabilization Fund Program

## Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund

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Education Stabilization Fund Program  
Elementary and Secondary School  
Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund

Maryland Local School System  
Reopening Schools Incentive Grant  
Application and Certification

September 18, 2020



- Sent to School Systems on Friday, September 18, 2020 from MSDE
- All applications are due to MSDE by October 2, 2020
- Six required elements of each application

# Education Stabilization Fund Program ESSER (10M available)

## Requirements:

1. Brief summary of the grantee's reopening plan.
2. Description of the students that will return to in-person learning by the start of the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. Please include the student groups, the process for identifying the student groups, and the reason a particular student group was selected to return to in-person learning.
3. Number of students by grade level and the number of schools in the system that will be open for in-student learning by the start of the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. Please describe the process/model for delivering in-person learning to these students.
4. Timeline for returning all students to in-person learning.
5. LSS's plan for meeting the equitable services requirement in Section 18005 of the CARES Act.
6. Overview of the grantee's planned use of the Reopening Schools Incentive Grant funds, including the timeline for implementing activities funded through this grant.

# Next Steps ....

- Work with administrators, teachers, support staff, and transportation to finalize dates for student return for second marking period
- Complete the application for the ESF ESSER grant by 9/29/2020
- Finalize work with the SMCHD to coordinate procurement and delivery of PPE for each staff and student
- Schedule a BOE meeting for 9/30/2020 for staff to present the ESF ESSER grant specifics - including timelines

