

WAVE 2 - 2021 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Chicago Public Schools' Student Transportation Services is committed to providing safe, timely, and cost-effective transportation for our students. Bussing services will begin on **February 1, 2021** for our students enrolled in grades K-8.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have developed additional safety measures that align with public health guidance to help keep our students and staff safe. This document outlines these health protocols, as well as all other details you need to know about student transportation in 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact CPS Student Transportation Services at transportation@cps.edu or 773-553-2860.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

Your child's pick-up and drop-off times are based on school start and end times, and are subject to change throughout the year if needed.

LEARNING YOUR CHILD'S BUS ROUTE

The bus company servicing your child's route will call you to inform you of your child's pick-up time beginning the week of January 25th.

BUS SAFETY MEASURES

Following the guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), we will be incorporating the following practices on our school buses:

- **Temperature Check:** Student temperature checks will be completed before students board the bus. Students with a temperature over 100.4° will not be allowed to board the bus.
- **Health Screener Completion Inquiry:** Staff will ask each student's parent or guardian daily whether they completed their child's health screener.
- **Use of a Seating Chart:** To maintain social distancing, buses will be operating at limited capacities. Social distancing will also be implemented through the use of a well-defined seating chart. Students will be seated one per seat, alternating left and right positions. *Note: students who reside within the same household may be seated together.*
- **Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Anyone boarding a school bus, including drivers and bus aides, will be required to wear face masks. *Note: Parents or guardians must contact their child's school for information on how to apply for an exemption to wearing a face mask.*

- **Sanitizing and Disinfectant Process:** Utilizing CDC recommended cleaning guidelines, school buses will be cleaned before the start of the route, after each run once students are dropped off, and again each night.
- **Hand sanitizer** is available and will be provided upon boarding the bus.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Students that display cold symptoms will not be able to board the bus.**
- **Students who become ill while they are in the school will not be transported home on the school bus and the family will be required to retrieve the student from the school. Transportation will work with the school on a case-by-case basis where this is not possible.**
- **A student with an approved sibling request will not be transported if the eligible student remains remote.**

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

In order to safely transport our students, we need the partnership of our schools, drivers, paraprofessionals, and our parents and guardians. Your help in these safety efforts is greatly appreciated and critical to the success of the student transportation program.

In order to minimize COVID-19 exposure, we ask for you to complete the following:

- Prior to waiting at the bus stop, please complete the CPS health screener for your child at cps.edu/healthscreener
- Arrive at the bus stop on time for morning pick-up and mid-day and afternoon drop-off.
- Update your contact information and any other relevant student information in a timely manner with your child's school to ensure you receive all necessary communications about student transportation.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact CPS Student Transportation Services at transportation@cps.edu or 773-553-2860.

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