



Covid-19 School Bus Checklist

The following checklist should be used after the Director of Communications notifies all parents about bus ridership registration and temperature/symptom checks requirements before riding a SDMC bus during the upcoming school year:

Covid-19 School Bus Entry Screening Protocols:

- Transportation staff (driver and/or aide), utilizing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), will conduct random screening as students exit the bus at school in the morning only. Temperatures will not be taken in the afternoon as students board the bus.
- Ridership will be tracked using the ID scanners on school buses (paper attendance will be used in the morning and afternoon until students receive their ID cards and the scan data appears to be correct).
- If any student has a temperature of 100.4 degrees F or higher and/or has a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, a parent/guardian will be notified if at the stop. If parent/guardian not available, the student will be placed in an isolation seat on the bus. When the bus arrives at school, the nurse will be contacted to place the student in an isolation room and follow school protocol to notify parent/guardian for pick up.
- If a student does not have a mask one will be provided as they board the bus. Personal masks worn by students must be compliant with the Student Code of Conduct/Dress Code. Plastic face shields and/or gloves may also be worn by anyone if they choose.

COVID-19 School Bus Seating Protocols:

- Students will be seated evenly throughout the bus, allowing as much distance between students as reasonably possible.
- Siblings will be placed in seats together.

Confirmed Covid-19 Case on a School Bus:

- Principal/Director must contact the District Operations Center (DOC) by telephone or email to report the Covid-19 Positive Case or the Exposure to a Positive Case at (941) 209-7377 or DOC@manateeschools.net.
- The school bus will be taken out of service until it is cleaned and sanitized.
- Contact the Director of Communications to communicate with staff, parents, and students.
- Contact the Director of Maintenance and coordinate having the school bus cleaned and disinfected.

Return to School Bus Ridership Criteria for Staff/Students with **Confirmed Covid-19** or no testing but symptomatic:

- Staff /Students may return to ridership 10 days after symptoms appear and 1 day without fever (without the use of fever reducing medication). Staff/Students with positive test and no symptoms can return 10 days after test or earlier if they have 2 negative tests 24 hours apart.

Return to School Bus Ridership Criteria for Staff/Students **exposed to confirmed Covid-19**:

- Staff/students should self-isolate for 14 days from the date of known exposure.

Staff to be entered in PeopleSoft Covid-19 Tracker and students into Focus.