



# Training Needs

*For school transportation after the pandemic*

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# The Ohio Pupil Transportation Task Force

- The task force is comprised of 30 school transportation professionals from Ohio's public schools. The members worked together to study transportation options, constraints, and needs as they pertain to the pandemic.
- The material presented by the task force is meant to serve as guidance, and to help local school district officials understand the options and constraints inherent in the restart of safe school transportation services.
- Within the task force the members focused on different aspects of pupil transportation services. Each of these focus areas has its own presentation.



## Develop Virtual Relationships with all staff

- Obtain email address for all staff members and require routine checks for communication from transportation office.
- Create mass text for large groups. (Remind or Class Dojo)
- Utilize a blast call system/ app to get information to staff (Blackboard Connect)
- Schedule recurring virtual meetings and training with Zoom, Google Meet/Hangouts, or Microsoft Teams.
- Create and post important documents, memos, and information on a shared Google page where all staff can go for any and all updates.
- Direct and produce informative YouTube videos for staff to watch.



# Bus Drivers & Bus Assistants

Create and publish videos on the following topics:

## 1. Procedures for reporting to work each day.

- ~ Temperature taken upon arrival
- ~ Procedures for using common areas, and what areas are off limits
- ~ Which doors to exit and enter through.
- ~ Remain six feet apart.
- ~ Sign in on bus or with radio check

## 2. Route procedures during pandemic

- ~ Driver & Bus Assistants wear recommended PPE



## Bus Drivers & Bus Assistants (continued)

- ~Students must wear a face mask. Masks will be provided to students who attempt to board the bus without a mask.
- ~Students must ride in assigned seating or fill the bus from front to back. {Capacity TBD by risk model employed by the district}
- ~ All windows and emergency hatches on the bus should be open or cracked to allow appropriate air flow.
- ~All auxiliary fans should be running while staff and students are on the bus.
- ~Approved hand sanitizer storage locations on the bus and how to replenish supplies when needed.
- ~Where and what door to pick up and drop off students at each school building.
- ~ What to do if a student is showing symptoms of sickness. {Call bus garage by radio who will then notify school or parent.}

### 3. How to sanitize school bus.

- ~Video on when and how to disinfect and sanitize school bus properly.



## Bus Drivers

1. Determine how to manage annual in-service training for drivers.
  - Track attendance, especially if training is remote
  - Make certain that all drivers have access to technology being utilized for training delivery
2. Stay current with ODE procedures regarding pre-service training for both new drivers and drivers that need recertification
  - Monitor driver T9 expiration dates
  - Schedule drivers for class and/or online training and OBI training as needed to maintain valid certificates
  - Apply district's adopted procedures for health safety when drivers are participating in one-on-one training with OBI



# Student Training

Provide YouTube videos on how to ride school bus

- ~ How to wear PPE
- ~ How to behave at the bus stop and exhibit social distancing.
- ~ How to board the bus and where to sit.
- ~ How to behave while bus is moving.
  - Remain seated, cover your cough. Do not touch others.
- ~ What to do if you feel unwell.
  - Notify driver or bus assistant. Remain in seat or move up front?
- ~ How and where to enter the school building.
- ~ Where hand sanitizer and PPE will be kept on school bus.



# Parent Training

1. Ask parents to view bus rider training videos with their children.
2. Provide training video for parents that includes:
  - make sure child is not exhibiting any symptoms of sickness before sending them to the bus stop.
  - take child's temperature before they leave home. Temperature must be under 100 degrees Fahrenheit
  - have child wash hands for at least 20 seconds.
  - be present at bus stop with child to ensure social distancing is being enforced.
  - Parents must pick up their child at school if symptoms develop during the school day. School transportation is not an option.



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