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## **COVID 19 Guidelines on the School Bus**

*Thank you in advance for allowing Miller Transportation to transport your child to and from school. The following guidelines are to help protect students' safety and public health during COVID-19. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this unprecedented time.*

### **1. Health Assessment**

Parents must complete a quick daily health assessment, including a temperature check, before boarding the bus. The "Parental Assurance for Daily Student Health Assessment for School Year 2020-2021" requirement was set forth by the CDC, Commonwealth of Kentucky and Department of Public Health. The attached form may be provided by your school. Should a student have symptoms of COVID-19 before the school day starts, students should not ride the bus or come to school until cleared by a medical professional. Should a student develop symptoms during the route, the student will be asked to move, to the extent possible, to an area away from the other students until transportation/school staff have been notified. Bus drivers must complete a Pre-Work Health Check prior to driving for Miller Transportation. Drivers who fail to observe the Pre-Work Health Assessment could face progressive discipline.

### **2. Student Masks:**

All students in first grade and up must wear a mask to the extent possible. Exceptions may be granted on a case by case basis should the students health and safety be compromised. It will be difficult to have younger students comply with mask-wearing, but it will become the norm as they transition back into school. Drivers will remind students to wear masks while riding the school bus. Masks should cover the mouth and nose.

### **3. Driver Masks:**

Masks will be worn by drivers while students are on board the bus; especially during the loading and unloading process. Should a drivers' mask cause his/her glasses to fog, or health and safety be compromised,

drivers shall be encouraged to pull over immediately and not wear a mask while operating the bus. However, drivers should place the mask back on during the loading or unloading process. Masks should cover the mouth and nose.

**4. Assigned Seats:**

Each student shall have an assigned seat. To the extent possible, seats will be filled from the back to front when boarding the bus. Each bus will have a student list and document the assigned seats for contact tracing. Students should sit with siblings if possible. Students are encouraged to space 6 feet from other students while loading and unloading.

**5. Bus Cleaning/Disinfecting:**

Drivers will be provided with disinfectant products so that high contact surfaces, such as handrails, tops of seats, dash and windows, are disinfected after each run and as often as possible. Disinfectant products shall be under close supervision of the bus driver at all times. Miller garage personal will schedule route buses for additional deep cleaning and fogging.

We ask that everyone make good decisions about performing daily health checks, as well as the use of masks and social distancing.

Matthew 22: 36-39 "Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself".

**We love our students!**

**Thank You,**

**Miller Transportation**