

# Covid-19 transportation plan SY 2020-21

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Safety & Transportation Office

The presence of Covid-19 across our county, state and country have mandated that we make numerous changes to our operating procedures in an effort to protect the safety of our students and staff members.

The following are recommendations that we have made in reference to protocols that should be put in place in accordance to state and federal guidelines as well as recommendations that we have made at the local district level.

The SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has recommended that all buses be reduced by 50 percent of the listed capacity. In order for our district to meet this recommendation of reduction of capacity we are proposing to the superintendent a bell schedule as follows:

## **Andrew Jackson area schools**

Elementary schools will operate from 7:50 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Middle school will operate from 8:40 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

High school will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **Buford area schools**

Elementary school will operate from 7:50 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Middle school will operate from 8:40 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

High school will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **Indian Land area schools**

Elementary schools will operate from 7:50 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Middle school will operate from 8:40 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

High school will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **Lancaster area schools**

Elementary schools will operate from 7:50 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Middle schools will operate from 8:40 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

High school will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\*The shifts in times allows us more time to increase routes to compensate for lost seating capacity. Without these changes 50% of elementary students and 33% of students who utilize bus transportation will be displaced.

**Recommend discontinuation of Arts Focus Transportation. To provide transportation we would be forced to double our buses from 1 to 2 and the driver cost would double and we would have to purchase a second bus and fund the costs. Currently we have no second driver available if we opted to continue with 2 buses.**

## **Bus Drivers**

We are making recommendations for student and driver safety. Drivers will be provided with face coverings and/or face shields to protect them from either getting infected or infecting someone else. Drivers will also be provided with gloves and personal hygiene supplies to wash their hands properly.

- The district is instituting a cleaning protocol that requires use of an electrostatic sprayer before and after each daily run. The district is also instituting a cleaning protocol that requires drivers to wipe

down each seat and hand rails in addition to the electrostatic sprayer. This process will ensure buses are in the most sanitary condition while students are on board

- All transportation offices are being retro fitted with guards to protect employees from infection. All large meetings have been scaled back to small open air meetings.
- We are closing lounges for sitting. Employees will only be allowed to use lounges to use the restroom and get a snack and must exit immediately.
- Drivers will go through daily health screenings prior to duty.

## **Students**

We are strongly encouraging students to wear a face covering for their bus ride. No student will be refused transportation if they forget or do not have a face covering at the bus stop in the morning or afternoon.

