



Student Transportation COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of Risk

Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) transportation of students to and from school during the 2021-2022 school year will continue to adhere to the following conditions which must be met by the bus operators, drivers and attendants, and eligible students whose families choose to utilize transportation services.

Bus operators will be responsible for the following conditions:

- Interior surfaces that students will be in contact with on the bus will be disinfected with an approved disinfecting agent prior to transporting students each morning and afternoon.
- Drivers and attendants will be responsible for completing a daily personal screening of COVID-19 like symptoms (in alignment with Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene guidelines) prior to boarding the bus and wearing masks at all times while on the bus with students.

Parents/Guardians and students will be responsible for maintaining the following as a condition for utilizing the transportation services:

- All students must be screened for COVID-19 like symptoms daily. Parents/guardians should check for the following before their child attends school or camp each day. Keep your student home and notify the school if they have any ONE of the following symptoms:
 - Fever of 100.4° degrees or higher, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, diarrhea or vomiting, new onset of severe headache (especially with fever), or new loss of taste or smell. For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from baseline.
- All students must properly wear a face mask/covering the entire time they are on the bus unless they have an AACPS approved mask accommodation. Students will not be permitted to ride the bus if they are not wearing a face covering.
- No eating or drinking will be allowed while on the bus.
- Once seated on the bus, all students must stay in their seats until directed to exit the bus by the bus driver or aide.

I understand and acknowledge that COVID-19 is a public health risk, and that AACPS cannot guarantee my child's safety or immunity from infection. At present, there is no approved vaccination for COVID-19 for children under the age of 12. With full appreciation of these facts, I agree to allow my child(ren) to utilize AACPS transportation services.

I understand that guidance from the CDC, state or local health authorities, and AACPS may change, and I will be required to adhere to those changes. I understand that my child and I are responsible for following all COVID-19 related health and safety protocols in effect, such as, completing a daily wellness screening and the appropriate use of face coverings, as established by this Acknowledgement.

I further acknowledge and agree that I will not put my child(ren) on the bus if they are presenting with COVID-19 like symptoms. I will also promptly notify my child's Principal if my child exhibits any of the symptoms listed above.

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By my signature below, I certify that I have read and fully understand this COVID-19 Acknowledgement and fully understand its terms. I am signing this acknowledgement freely and voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Name

Date

Student Name

Student ID number (SIF)

Grade

School