



Artesia Public Schools

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To: Artesia Bulldogs
From: Thad Phipps, Director of Transportation *TP*
Re: Transportation of Students on school buses

We are excited for our students to return to traditional school! We want them to have a great experience! Student and staff safety is extremely important! We are asking our parents and guardians to help us educate our children on proper safety procedures for riding a school bus. The following general guidelines have been designed to reduce the risk of transmitting viruses and bacteria to our students and staff. Please read over the guidelines with your student prior to March 29. Please do not send your child to the bus stop if they have a fever or are exhibiting any symptoms of being sick.

General Guidelines

1. Buses will be sanitized every day utilizing an electrostatic fogger. Windows will remain down for the entire route.
2. Drivers will complete a health screening prior to their first morning route and will wear a mask.
3. Buses have been equipped with hand sanitizer dispensers near the first step of the bus on the left. All students are required to use the hand sanitizer as they board the bus.
4. Students will have their temperature taken by the driver as the step on the second step of the bus. Drivers will be using a hand-held touchless thermometer which provides an instant digital reading. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed on the bus and the bus driver will alert Mr. Butcher. The student will be released to their parent/guardian if they are present. If a parent/guardian is not present, the bus will wait for an administrator to arrive before proceeding to the next bus stop.
5. Students are **required** to wear a mask. Students **will not** be allowed on the bus without a mask. A student who does not have a mask will be released to their parent/guardian if they are present. If a parent/guardian is not present, the bus will wait for an administrator to arrive before proceeding to the next bus stop.
6. Students will sit one per seat until all seats are taken. Siblings must sit together. Then two per seat as needed.
7. Students must remain seated in their seat for the entire route.
8. Students who change buses at Zia or wait on their bus at Zia must wear a mask and do their best to maintain six feet of social distancing.
9. Students must comply with the directions given by all Kaiser and APS personnel. Failure to do so will result in loss of transportation privileges.

Questions may be directed to the following people:

Jef Butcher, Owner Kaiser Incorporated (575) 746-6393 or jbutcher@bulldogs.org

Thad Phipps, Transportation Director (575) 746-3585 or tphipp@bulldogs.org

We appreciate all of your help and support! Go Bulldogs!