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## School Bus Guidelines – Covid19

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*Protecting students is a very important measure to maintain parent's confidence in School bus transport. Measures must, therefore, be effective, adequately accessible, clear and logical in terms of communication. Information for passengers on standards of conduct (such as maintain social distancing, not using bus when showing symptoms such as fever & cough, hygiene practices etc.) shall be disseminated through various channels.*

THE DOCUMENT AIMS TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL MOBILITY SERVICES POST LOCKDOWN, MAINTAIN DESIRABLE SOCIAL DISTANCING BETWEEN THE PASSENGERS INSIDE BUSES, SAFETY FOR DRIVER AND BUS ASSISTANT.

## Cleanings/Decontamination of School Buses

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- Will use a Dubai Municipality-approved disinfectant (HUWA SAN TR 50 – HYDROGEN PEROXIDE) when wiping down surfaces. Each school bus will be wiped down after each run, including the morning run, afternoon run and any special runs.
- Items to be wiped down include the entry handrail, the fronts and backs of seats and any hardware or accessories, windows, window handles and walls.
- In addition, the exterior surfaces and hardware of the entry door as well as driver controls of the bus such as the steering wheel, mirrors, etc. will be wiped with the disinfectant.
- Dispose of soiled disinfection cloths, disposable gloves and any other items in contact with contaminated surfaces in a waste disposal bag. Seal the waste disposal bag and discard in lined trash bin.
- Develop a schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection.
- Cleaning products will not be used near children, and drivers will ensure that there is adequate ventilation when using these products to prevent students or themselves from inhaling toxic fumes.
- When using disinfectants, the manufacturers' instructions will be strictly followed, including duration of dwell time, use of PPE if required and proper ventilation.

## Hand Sanitizer, Temperature check & Facemask for School Bus Drivers, Assistants and Students

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- Buses will be installed and maintained hand sanitizer stations in the bus entry.
- All bus occupants (students & bus assistant) should be encouraged to utilize the hand sanitizer station upon entry to the school bus and again upon exiting the vehicle.

- Bus assistant should make sure each bus student uses the hand sanitizer provided.
- For drivers, hand sanitization stations will be provided where they enter the bus.
- Check to ensure there is enough sanitizer for each run.
- Ensure bus driver, bus assistant and any student above the age of 06 years is wearing a facemask before boarding the school bus.
- Drivers will wear a face mask any time they are inside a bus, even if it is for maintenance or cleaning.
- Infrared thermometers will be provided in each bus.
- To make sure Bus assistant temperature is checked by the bus driver before boarding the bus
- Bus Assistant to ensure all students undergoes temperature screening.
- Driver's temperature checked and recorded by supervisor in the morning and the same to be repeated before the start of each trip.
- Any one with a temperature  $\geq 37.50C$  will not be allowed to ride the bus.

## Signage, Bus seat marking & Student Education

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- Prominently signage and seat marking (not allowed to sit – allowed to sit) will be posted indicating the proper method to maintain physical distancing inside buses as well as protecting others when coughing or sneezing on the school bus.
- Tape marks showing students where to sit and training the bus assistant of the same .
- In addition, all students should be properly educated in these procedures utilizing KHDA guidelines.

## *Driver Training*

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All drivers will receive training on proper disinfecting procedures for the school bus. These procedures will follow DHA, RTA & KHDA recommendations. The training will include the following at a minimum.

- Proper cleaning and disinfecting techniques.
- Safe product usage guidelines (chemical safety)
- Buses will make a run for no less than 10 mins before each regular trip with the windows open to ensure the bus is ventilated.
- Do not enter the bus through the passenger door during the school trip.
- Make sure no student is sitting is close to the driver.
- Proper methods to empty and dispose of trash.
- Wash hands when finished using proper hand washing techniques.

## *Disinfection Company & other procedures*

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- DM approved company will be contracted for disinfection and sanitization on regular intervals throughout the academic year.
- Buses to run at 50% occupancy only as per KHDA guidelines.
- Transparent curtain separating driver's area
- Physical distancing to be made mandatory for passengers through floor markings.
- Buses will stop at a minimum distance of 3 meters from each other at marked locations, to avoid crowding of students/passengers

- Students will embark and disembark to/from each bus at a time, supervisor will make sure to avoid two or more buses embarking and disembarking at the same time. Drivers will be trained and instructed of the same.
- Ensure that the same drivers use the same vehicle and keep the same work schedules in order to limit contacts as much as possible.
- Bus assistant to make sure each child's belonging separated from others.

## Symptoms of COVID-19

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### *KHDA Guideline:*

If a child begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 while taking the bus, the child is considered a probable COVID-19 case. The immediate measure is to ensure the child is seated at 2 metres away from the rest of the children.

The bus attendant should immediately inform the health and safety in-charge in the school who should immediately communicate with school administration and parents/ guardians.

If the trip was for drop off at home, the child should be dropped off first. If the trip was for drop off at the school, the child should be isolated and sent home.

These measures are suggestive and should be used in combination with various instructions issued by KHDA, DHA and the School from time to time.

Busco aims to be more flexible in responding to new information and our administration will be willing to refine approaches when specific policies are not working.

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