



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Preparations for a safe return to school includes sharing information with our families and students about safety measures in place for those riding the bus to and/or from Holy Spirit CES. Students and their families should expect that when a child boards their school bus, they will be safe and cared for. The letter aims to provide you with additional information on bus procedures and protocols beyond our typical processes at this time.

As transportation for students is a privilege, it is imperative that students follow all safety routines and procedures. Should a student fail to follow all safety routines and procedures, they may be asked not to ride the bus and have bus privileges revoked.

Safety Measures

- Students must wear masks subject their age and any accommodations
 - Students in Grades 4 to 8 will be required to wear masks unless special accommodation is required; younger students will be encouraged to wear a mask
- Students not wearing masks in Grades 4 to 8 will not be allowed on the bus
- Students are to wear masks while waiting at their bus stop; please arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled time during the first two weeks of school
- Seating plans will be developed for our students (please ensure your child knows when they are to ride the bus so that our manifest is accurate for both 'to' and 'from' school routes)
- Where possible, students of the same household will share a seat
- Students will be expected to remain in their seats at all times
- A reminder that **if a child is ill**, even with mild symptoms, **they must remain at home**
- Our staff will go over the seating plan with students on their first day of school

Hygiene, Cleaning, and Disinfecting

- Vehicles will be sanitized by the operator after every run (cohort) for high touch-points
- Where possible, depending on the weather, buses will operate with windows lowered to increase air ventilation
- In the event that a student or driver is ill, the vehicle will be sanitized before returning to service

For more information about student transportation in response to COVID-19, [please visit this link](#).

Please also remember to check the [School Bus City website](#) for your child's route and pick up/drop off time and location. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the school office and we will do our best to support you.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica
Principal