



COVID-19 Alert Level 2 Protocols for Daily Bus Transport

Following confirmation from the Prime Minister that schools and daily bus transport are moving to Alert Level 2 from Monday 18 May 2020 we have set out guidance on what changes students will find on the daily bus together with our School Bus Protocols.

The Ministry of Education have advised us '*physical distancing is not practicable on school transport. School buses are a controlled environment with known passenger lists where immediate contact tracing can take place if required*'. So to offer an appropriate level of protection to drivers and students under Alert Level 2 and following Ministry of Education guidelines we have instigated the following steps.

MOE School Bus Protocols for Students

- Only one student on entrance platform at a time
- Keep a minimum of one (1) metre distance between each other while waiting to enter bus
- Hand sanitiser must be used by students when entering the school bus. (Morning and Afternoon).
- If seats directly behind/beside driver are blocked off with yellow restricted tape students cannot access seats. All other seats can be used by students.
- Controlled exit from front seat back to the rear seat, one at a time
- If you are feeling unwell, or a member of your family have symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home
- No cash handling or fare ticket sales from driver in Level 2. Please talk to your school if you normally purchase a fare ticket from driver.

School Bus Protocols for Drivers

- Drivers PPE available to wear i.e. face masks and Nitrile gloves
- Drivers to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitiser before and after school route
- If student appears unwell, advise Management who will contact the school.

School Bus Protocols for School Bus

- Daily sanitising of school bus interior following MOE guidelines.
- Daily sanitising of air-conditioning units
- Normal weekly interior cleaning regime or more often if required

Contact Tracing

Schools are asked to maintain up-to-date bus lists of all students travelling on the school bus. The Ministry of Health will be contacting schools in the event contact tracing is needed.

When Do Alert Level 2 School Bus Protocols Take Effect: Monday 18 May 2020

When Are Alert Level 2 School Bus Protocols Next Reviewed: Thursday 28 May 2020
(Following Prime Minister update)