

July 7, 2020

To all parents/guardians of students

**Subject: School Transportation Procedures Effective 2020-2021**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Following the most recent discussions between the *Direction générale de la santé publique* (DGSP) and the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MEES), we would like to inform you of the new school transportation conditions that will be effective as of the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

The physical distancing rule of one metre between students in school transportation is no longer required.

Starting now, no more than two students can be seated on the same bench, bringing the number of students who can be on board a school bus at the same time to 48:

- Opt for seating siblings together.
- Same two students must remain on the same bench every day.
- Preschool and elementary: Face-coverings in vehicle is strongly recommended.
- **Secondary:** Face-coverings in vehicle is **mandatory**.
- The vehicle will be fully cleaned between each group of students.
- School bus drivers will have access to personal protective gear (e.g. mask, visor).

Despite these more flexible conditions, the organization of school transportation still cannot proceed as it would under normal circumstances. **To limit the risks of contagion as much as possible, the *Direction générale de la santé publique* recommends promoting some alternatives to school transportation. The MEES asks the cooperation of parents whose children have a right to school transportation, by requesting that they bring their children to school themselves, if possible, to reduce the number of students who require school transportation.**

Thus, in order to efficiently organize school transportation while ensuring compliance with the above-mentioned conditions, the School Transportation Department will first ensure that “regular transportation needs” are met. That said, despite our best efforts, it is possible that some students may not be able to take advantage of regular transportation, given the maximum number of students per bus. On a similar note, and still in consideration of the total number of seats required for “regular needs”, it

could also be that complimentary transportation services (transportation to a 2<sup>nd</sup> address, shared custody) will not be available in 2020-2021.

Rest assured that we will make every effort to transport the maximum number of students allowed per vehicle while limiting the risk of contagion as much as possible.



Once school bus routes have been determined, you will find your child's bus route information on our [website](#) by clicking on the "**Find My Bus**" icon.

We thank you for your understanding and wish you a pleasant and safe summer.

Sincerely,

The School Transportation Department

CC School Principals

**Note: keep an eye on your emails, as another communication from School Transportation will follow shortly.**