



Asheville City Schools

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Important Notice: Before any student will be allowed to use a yellow school bus for school transportation, their parent/guardian MUST sign and return the Bus Attestation section on the reverse side of this document.

General Notice of Safety Precautions

During the current Covid-19 pandemic, Asheville City Schools is working hard to provide a safe learning environment for students returning to school, including bus transportation. To achieve this goal, ACS needs the help and cooperation of all students, parents and guardians.

All students, parents and guardians should be aware of, and comply with, the following safety precautions:

- 1) Every student should be screened at home each morning before attending school.
- 2) No employee or student should board a school bus or an activity bus or attend school if any of the following are true:
 - ❖ They or someone they live with has been diagnosed with COVID-19
 - ❖ They have had close contact – within six feet for at least 15 minutes – in the last 14 days with a person diagnosed with COVID-19
 - ❖ They or **anyone they live with** currently have any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever (100.4 or higher)
 - Chills
 - New cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New loss of taste or smell
- 3) If a student is unable to attend school for one of the reasons listed above, the person **MUST** inform the school and follow the return to school guidelines from the State: **{insert link}**. ACS encourages families to consult with their medical provider, as well.
- 4) While at school or on any school bus or activity bus, all employees, visitors and students will wear face coverings unless given permission to remove their face covering by school staff. Contact the school principal if you believe a legal exception applies. **There is no legal right to simply refuse to wear a face covering.**
- 5) If a student cannot be permitted to stay at school due to a Covid-19 health screening, the student will be safely separated from other students and employees and their parent or guardian must come to school to pick the student up immediately. **Again, PLEASE screen / temperature check your student before school each day to avoid this possibility.**



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Bus Attestation

If you intend to use yellow bus transportation for your student **at any time during the 2020-21 school year**, you **MUST** complete and return the following attestation to _____ before your student will be permitted to board the bus. A legible photograph of the completed form may be submitted electronically by email or text to the following: **{insert an email address and text number for parents to use}**.

No student will be permitted on a yellow school bus for transportation to school until the following attestation is on file with ACS:

- ❖ I will health screen my child each morning and **WILL NOT** send my child to a bus stop, school facility, or any school event if the student
 - has a fever or symptoms of Covid-19 (*cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, chest congestion or runny nose, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting*).
 - has been in close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone **diagnosed** with COVID-19, or has had any health department or health care provider contacted you and advised you, your child or anyone in your household to **quarantine**.
 - is diagnosed with Covid-19 based on a test, their symptoms, or does not get a Covid-19 test but has had symptoms.
- ❖ I understand that students will be required to sit one to a seat on a school bus or activity bus. It will be allowable for those residing in the same residence to ride in the same seat, if needed.
- ❖ I understand that temperature checks and other Covid-19 health screening activities will occur at the school, not at the bus stop, and that **I will be responsible for picking my child up immediately from school if they are unable to remain at school due to a Covid-19 health screening.**
- ❖ I understand and accept the risk that my student(s) may be exposed to Covid-19 during the bus ride to/from school.

Student's Name _____ School _____

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Parent's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____