

## Protocol: Student is symptomatic on the bus

1. Although families are the most important first line of defense for monitoring symptoms, bus drivers and bus monitors also play an important role in flagging possible symptomatic students.
2. **Family caregiver should evaluate student(s) each morning for symptoms of illness and/or fever. Students who are not feeling well, or complain of illness symptom(s), must stay home. Caregivers should notify school nurse of illness.**
3. All students arriving via bus transportation will have their temperatures either taken by bus monitor or when arriving at school, prior to building entry.
4. If symptoms are noticed as the student is getting on the bus and if there is a caregiver present, do not allow student to board the bus. Caregiver should then **FOLLOW:** “Protocol: Student is symptomatic at home.”
5. If student is already on the bus when bus driver observes symptoms of concern, he/she will ensure student is masked and keeps mask on during the entire transport (Bus drivers will provide masks if need by any student on transportation). Ensure other students keep their masks on. Ensure student keeps required physical distance from other students.
  - a. Bus driver/monitor will call ahead to the bus service dispatch, or call the school directly. The bus service dispatch will notify the school to inform the school nurse of a possible symptomatic child.
  - b. School nurse (or school medical point of contact) will meet the bus as it arrives, wearing a mask. Whenever possible, the student with possible illness/Covid-19 symptoms should exit the bus first.
  - c. Bus is to be thoroughly cleaned/disinfected.
  - d. School Nurse will evaluate the student for symptoms (see list below: “Most common symptoms of COVID-19”).
    - i. **IF ANY SYMPTOMATIC:**
      1. “Student Symptomatic at School” protocol will be followed.
    - ii. **IF NOT SYMPTOMATIC:**
      1. If the evaluation completed by the school nurse shows the student does not have symptoms of concern, the student will be admitted to class.

**Reminder:** Students and staff returning from illness, MUST report to the School Health Office Nurse before returning to the classroom; for evaluation and/or symptom management, and if required, submission of medical or clearance documentation.

**Full list of symptoms to monitor for:**

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) *when in combination with other symptom*