



# IASBO

## COVID-19 CONVERSATIONS

### The Transportation Challenge

- **Student Health Screening**
  - Some districts doing daily electronic surveys/Google Forms to certify students
  - Rural district – looking at doing temperature checks before a student gets on the bus
  - Arriving at bus stop – assumed they completed screening & that they do not have any symptoms
  - Not certifying students at the end of the day before loading buses
  
- **Masks & Windows**
  - Asking parents to ensure students are wearing masks to ride bus
    - If parent is uncomfortable, encourage them to opt for the virtual learning option
  - Provide disposable masks on buses
  - Requiring drivers to wear masks
  - Asking vendor to hire bus monitors
    - Ensure social distancing & that masks are being worn
  - Face shields
    - If a student needs to wear a face shield, consider how that will affect their IEP
  - Discipline
    - Think about if you will have disciplinary action for students who do not wear masks on the bus
  - Windows
    - All windows will be open (weather permitting)
    - Have students dress in layers
    - Only adults can touch the windows

- **Cleaning & Sanitizing**

- Sanitizing buses front to back completely mid-day and at the end of the day
- How do you sanitize a bus with a laddered route structure? Transporting students from elementary, middle school, etc.
- Using electrostatic backpacks to sanitize
- Putting sanitizer on the bus & asking bus driver to do this during their bus check
- Can you ask your maintenance team to help sanitize and clean?

- **Staffing**

- Look at your food service staff – can they help with transportation?
- Look at your transportation staff – can they help with lunchroom supervision?
- Make sure you are sensitive to who does what

- **Routing / Number of Children**

- Seating chart or arrangement could be helpful
- Ask parents if they are going to send children on bus
  - Goal to cut a few routes
  - Ask them to commit for the full semester
  - Could take up to two weeks to add a student to a route
- Only allow one point of pick-up & drop-off

- **Boarding / Deboarding**

- Be cognizant of what you are asking your drivers to do
- Have clear instructions for drop-off zones
- Think about using different entrances of the school
- Increase in parent pick-up & drop-off
  - Start talking with local law enforcement
  - Ask parents to be patient
  - Work with your principals – they know their buildings best

- **Start & End Times**

- Look to your local park district to possibly assist with childcare needs
- Think about having middle school adjourn 15 minutes early so that those students are home before the elementary students
  - Could assist those families who have students in both levels

- **Contact Tracing**

- Seating arrangement / chart could be very helpful for this
- Have conversations with your team and your local health department
- Determine what triggers a notification
  - On the same bus? Sitting next to the student?
- Ask your bus company their protocol
  - Will they quarantine the bus? Deep clean the bus? How long will the bus be out?

- **Other Items**

- Transportation expenses may have dropped this past year
  - This could affect your future revenue
- If a student opts out of in-person learning, do they opt out of athletics as well?
- Think about having a twice weekly call with your bus vendor
  - Helps to get their perspective
  - Address issues in a timely manner
  - Could assist those families who have students in both levels