

Mansfield Public Schools

Special Education Standard Bus Protocols in response to COVID-19

- **Daily Self Symptom Checklist:** Students, with the assistance of families, must be monitored daily for symptoms as per the **Daily Self Symptom Checklist** provided by the Mansfield Public Schools. **Students must stay home if feeling unwell.** Everyone must do their part to protect others and not come to school if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms or are feeling sick.
- **Masks:** Masks are among the most important single measures to contain the spread of COVID-19. We require students in kindergarten and above and all staff to wear masks that adequately cover both their nose and mouth. Younger children are strongly encouraged to wear masks. Exceptions must be made for students with medical, behavioral, or other challenges who are unable to wear masks/face coverings.
- **Hand hygiene:** Hand hygiene is critical. Students and staff are encouraged to exercise hand hygiene (hand washing or sanitizing) before leaving their homes and before dismissal. Hand sanitizer will be available as needed on the bus.
- **Physical distance:** Physical distance greatly reduces the risk of transmission. As COVID-19 is transmitted through respiratory droplets, putting distance between yourself and others reduces risk. Students will be assigned seats in accordance with safe physical distancing guidelines. Students will be seated *no more than* one student per bench, alternating sides for each row, which allows students to maintain appropriate physical distance
- **Ventilation:** Windows open at all times during operation, unless not possible due to extreme weather conditions.
- **Communication:** To support a culture of health and safety, please be available by phone during transportation if we need to be in touch with guardians with key messages.