

NORTHSTAR BUS PROTOCOLS FOR SPECTRUM MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SPECTRUM HIGH SCHOOL

NEW Health and Safety Practices and Procedures



1. Hand Sanitizer – Hand sanitizer has been mounted inside each bus and students will be encouraged to use it.
2. Face Mask/Face Shield – In compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order and guidance from MDE and MDH, students are expected to follow the face mask/face shield protocol established by the school while entering and exiting the bus and during the entire ride. If a student does not have a proper face mask or face shield in the AM, one will be provided for them as they enter the bus. If they refuse to wear a proper mask or shield, they will be allowed to ride in an assigned seat to school. However, they will be reported to the school upon arrival where further conversation may lead to additional consequences, including the possibility of not being allowed to ride the bus. If a student refuses to wear a mask in the PM, they will remain at school to be picked up by their parent(s).
3. Loading the Bus – Students will always load the bus from the back to the front. Seats are marked showing students where to sit. Students from the same household are encouraged to sit together and may be required to sit together (in the same seat) if the bus is at 50% capacity. Students may not save seats for other students or move to other seats during the ride. The only time they should need to pass by other students on the bus is when they are dropped off in the PM.
4. Unloading the Bus – Students will begin unloading buses one at a time in the AM beginning at 7:30 a.m. Students must remain in their seats until dismissed and unload from front to back. *This will minimize the number of students entering the buildings at the same time – allowing them to maintain distancing as much as possible.*