

## **School Bus Protocol**

- Students are required to wear a face covering when on the school bus (unless there is a medical note for not wearing one).
- Face coverings act as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the face covering coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice.
- Wearing face coverings are a priority when it is difficult for students to stay 6 feet apart from each other while riding on the bus.
- When face coverings are worn over the nose and mouth, studies show that face coverings reduce the spray of droplets.
- A face covering must also be worn by the bus driver.
- The face covering must be in place prior to boarding the bus and must be kept in place during the bus ride to school.
- Open windows, if weather allows, to improve ventilation.
- When boarding the bus, students will load from the back row to the front. Unloading will occur from front to back.
- Family members will sit together.
- If the bus does not run at full capacity, social distancing will be incorporated as much as possible.
- The bus driver shall provide a disposable paper mask to a student who does not have a face covering when boarding a bus.
- LCS shall provide each bus with disposable paper masks to be distributed to Lisbon students as needed.
- The bus driver shall keep a record of how many masks are being handed out to Lisbon students on a daily basis and will give the number to the Superintendent at the end of each week.
- The Superintendent or Principal will contact the parent/guardian of a student if it is reported that disposable face coverings are being given out to that student on a regular basis prior to boarding the bus.
- If a child is excused (see Board Policy for excused reasons) from wearing a face covering on the bus, the parent/guardian of that child must notify the school with a written notification from a physician prior to boarding the bus.
- If a student refuses to wear a face covering prior to getting on the bus and does not fulfill any of the exemptions allowed by the LCS Board Policy for Face Masks/Coverings, such student will not be able to board the bus.
- If a student refuses to wear a face covering during the bus ride to school, the bus driver will radio into the school's main office number and upon arrival to school the Superintendent or Principal will meet the student outside the bus drop off area.
- The parent shall be contacted to rectify the situation and the Superintendent or Principal to explain the options available regarding schooling and for the possible removal of the child from the school setting.
- If COVID-19 symptoms arise on the bus, students should remain masked, adhere to strict physical distancing as feasible, and stay on the bus until arrival at school. The student must not be sent home on the bus. Upon arrival to school, the bus driver will contact the main office, so the nurse can assess the student and take the appropriate measures.