

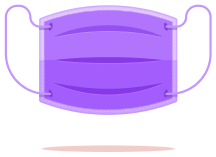
# Getting ready for the **SCHOOL BUS**

As part of provincial plans for a full return to classes on September 8, school buses will operate as they normally would, with some extra public health protocols in place. To help your child prepare for riding the school bus, talk with them about what to expect on the bus, and practice new routines.

Make sure to check your school bus stop, time, and route as soon as possible before school starts, because these have likely changed from last year. Go to [transportation.avrce.ca](https://transportation.avrce.ca) and click on "Parent Portal" to check online, or contact [transportation@avrce.ca](mailto:transportation@avrce.ca) or 902-538-4641.

## Masks on the Bus:

Everyone must wear a mask on the bus. This includes all Pre-Primaries and P-12 students, bus drivers, educational assistants, as well as parents/guardians who board the bus to help their child buckle up.



Bringing your own mask is encouraged, but some will be available on the bus in case you forget.

If your child has sensory or health concerns that prevent them from wearing a mask, talk to your school about your child's needs.

## Before you go to the bus stop:

Use the Daily COVID-19 Checklist. Follow the instructions and keep your child home if they are ill.



Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before leaving home.

Be at your stop five minutes before bus arrival time.

## On the bus:

In addition to wearing masks, students will have assigned seating on the bus. Where possible, students who live in the same home will sit together.



**Good to know:** In addition to routine cleaning, high-touch surfaces on buses will be cleaned and disinfected between bus runs, and enhanced cleaning will happen in the middle of the day and at the end of the day.



Even though bus drivers will be wearing masks, they will continue to be friendly faces you can count on to give your child a positive, safe start and end to their school day!

