

2022-23 Bus Cleaning Protocol

The School District of Philadelphia Department of Transportation Services (“Transportation Services”) is committed to the safe transport of students for the 2022-23 school year. Based on guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH), Transportation Services has established the following cleaning protocol:

Daily Bus Cleaning Protocol

The interior of the school vehicles will be cleaned daily using EPA-approved cleaning agents. Drivers will implement the following cleaning protocols in between daily runs:

After unloading students and upon completion of each run, the driver will complete the following protocol:

- Start in the rear of the bus and spray and wipe down all high contact areas such as seat cushions, the top and back of all seats, hand railing, bump cushion under the windows and over the door with disinfectant cleaning solution.
- Wipe down seat belts, car seats and harnesses with EPA-approved cleaning agents Drivers will implement the following cleaning protocols at the end of each day:
 - Remove all items from the floor/seats of the bus: (book bags, lunch bags, trash, and dirt).
 - Starting in the rear of the bus, spray and thoroughly wipe down all of the following surfaces with EPA Approved Cleaning agents:
 - high touch areas such as the seat cushions, top and back of all seats, hand railing, bump cushion under the windows and over the doors
 - seat belts, harnesses and car seats heating and air conditioner vents all window and door glass
 - driver's cockpit (dashboard, steering wheel, brake release, etc).
- Close all windows after cleaning.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds to avoid spreading germs, after cleaning the school vehicles.
- Remember to wash your masks after daily use in the washing machine with other laundry OR by hand soaking in a solution of 1/3rd cup of household bleach per gallon of room temperature water. Carefully wipe the inside, followed by the outside of the face shield with a disinfectant wipe.

The Garage Supervisor or Dispatcher will disinfect all keys with an aerosol spray once received after each run.

In addition to the above daily cleaning protocols, in compliance with industry recommendations of a weekly heavy duty disinfectant procedure, allschool vehicles will be sprayed with BNC-15, One-Step disinfectant cleaner on Fridays. The garage management team will ensure that all vehicles are cleaned daily and documented on a weekly cleaning log.

Cleaning Procedures Following Notice of a COVID-19 Positive Case

The District, in consultation with PDPH, has established protocols to respond to confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. If the Department of Transportation is notified of a student or staff member's confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, the vehicle will be immediately removed from service for 48 hours. Immediately, the bus will be sprayed using a heavy duty disinfectant BNC-15 and will sit for 24 hours. After 24 hours, the bus will undergo a second treatment using the BNC-15. After that waiting period, the school vehicle will be cleaned, and disinfected before the vehicle is returned to service.