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To: Region 1 Child Study Team Directors  
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Re: Parent questions—transportation for special education students

As school districts begin to plan for reopening, parents are being asked about their intentions for putting their child(ren) on school buses. Before some parents make this decision, they have questions about bus procedures (social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing, face covering requirements, etc.). This memo will hopefully address some of these questions and assist parents in making decisions about school bus transportation.

Region 1 has worked collaboratively with Regions II, III and V to communicate the same guidelines and best practices to the bus companies who serve us. Our bus companies have been informed of the guidelines published by the NJ Department of Education and CDC. These guidelines include the following:

- A. Bus personnel (drivers and aides) are to wear face coverings.
- B. Bus personnel are reminded to frequently clean their hands.
- C. Bus companies are required to clean and sanitize their vehicles.
- D. Students will be required to wear face coverings while on the bus. Exceptions will be made only for those students who are medically unable to comply.
- E. Bus personnel will maintain attendance on each route should this information be needed.

Please share this information with your parents should they express any concerns.

Thank you and stay safe.

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