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<p><b>Statement</b></p>	<p>To reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, parents/guardians are required to Self-Assess their children’s health prior to sending them to the school bus. Parents are advised to follow their board’s and the Ministry of Education guidelines for self- assessment.</p>
<p><b>Procedure</b></p>	<p><b><u>Students Accompanied by a Parent or Guardian</u></b></p> <p>If a student is displaying symptoms identified in the Ontario Government COVID-19 child care screening tool and is accompanied by a parent/guardian the bus driver will advise the parent/guardian that they cannot transport the child. If the parent is able to provide information that the symptoms are related to a non-covid condition, such as allergies or other non-contagious condition, the child will be allowed to ride.</p> <p><b><u>Unaccompanied Students</u></b></p> <p><b>Elementary Students:</b> If an elementary student is at the stop unaccompanied and is displaying symptoms identified in the Ontario COVID-19 child care screening tool, specifically fever, cough or barking cough, shortness of breath, decrease in sense of taste or smell, the driver will contact their dispatch who will call the parent contact number on the file to notify the parent that the child is not riding and will be returning home, or need to be picked up at the stop.</p> <p>If the parent/guardian cannot be reached the child will be put on the bus and directed to a seat where, if possible, they can be sitting alone. The child will be given a mask</p>



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	<p>to wear during the ride.</p> <p>Dispatch will contact the school to advise them that a symptomatic child is being transported. The school representative will remove the child from the bus and follow their internal protocols for dealing with symptomatic students.</p> <p><b>Secondary Students:</b> If a secondary student is at the stop and is displaying symptoms identified in the Ontario COVID-19 child care screening tool, specifically fever, cough or barking cough, shortness of breath, decrease in sense of taste or smell they will not be allowed to board the bus. The driver will inform the student that they cannot transport them and will contact dispatch. Dispatch will contact the school to advise them that the student was not able to be transported due to being visibly symptomatic. The school will contact the parent and follow their internal protocols.</p>
<b>Reporting</b>	<p>The Bus Operator will report any situations regarding symptomatic students being transported or denied transportation to the consortium.</p> <p>The school will advise the Windsor Essex Public Health Unit of any students identified as having potential symptoms of COVID-19.</p>