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Dear Interlake School Division Families,

Safe transportation on school buses for transport-eligible students is a very important part of planning for the reopening of schools in September. Our planning is informed by Manitoba Education’s [Guidelines for Transportation to Schools](#) and will be updated as required in response to public health requirements.

Families of transport-eligible students will be contacted by the driver of their child’s route this week with information about pick-up and drop-off times. In advance of that call, this letter is being sent to ensure common understanding of the following transportation protocols:

- ISD school bus service for eligible students will be available in September. Parents of eligible students are welcome to transport their own child(ren) to school if they wish to do so.
- ISD school bus service for non-eligible students will not be available in September. Availability will be revisited throughout the school year.
- Parents and caregivers are responsible for their own child’s self-screening prior to bus ridership each day. Students with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school or be passengers on buses. The province’s [self-screening tool](#) can be used for this daily routine.
- Students in Grades 4 to 12, as well as bus drivers, are required to wear non-medical masks on school buses. Masks should be put on before getting on the bus and worn for the duration of the bus ride. A mask will be provided for students if they do not have one.
- Students will be assigned a seat on the bus according to provincial guidelines and will sit in the same seat every day for regular bus routes.

ISD’s Transportation Department will continue to work closely with drivers to ensure all provincial and public health protocols are met including cleaning of school buses after each morning and afternoon run.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. If you require additional information after speaking with the driver of your child’s bus route this week, please contact ISD’s Transportation Department directly at 204-467-8730. And, for ongoing updates on ISD’s plan for the safe reopening of schools in September, please visit us online at www.interlakesd.ca.

Sincerely,

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