



First Student Establishes School Transportation Protocols

- **Face Coverings:** First Student is providing employees with face coverings and requires that they are worn at First Student locations and on the bus. Consistent with CDC guidelines, if a face covering obstructs or impairs the drivers' vision, the driver is permitted to remove the face covering while operating the vehicle safely.
- **Employee Training and Protocols:** In addition to addressing face coverings, First Student's new Start Safe employee training includes new safety protocols such as identifying COVID-19 symptoms, reducing in-person contact between co-workers and social distancing in high-traffic areas.
- **Disinfected and Protected School Buses:** First Student is working to make the school bus as clean as possible. It offers two bus disinfectant options for district partners — a daily disinfectant, and an antimicrobial surface protectant that provides strong, long-lasting antimicrobial protection against a range of viruses, bacteria and pathogens.
- **Safe Social Distancing:** First Student is partnering with school districts to establish specific social distancing solutions, assigning seats and developing new loading and unloading procedures as needed. In addition, First Student has available interior seat stickers and step signage to convey social distancing requirements in a student-friendly way.

First Student is working with each of its nearly 1,100 school district partners to create customized transportation plans based on direction provided by states, provinces or cities. **Our office # is 586-758-8371 for additional questions.**

To further support school districts and their communications about school bus safety, First Student created the Start Safe webpage (firststudentinc.com/start-safe) which includes information about Start Safe, videos, sample social media posts and Safety Dog Zoom backgrounds. First Student also created a parent and student page (firststudentinc.com/start-safe-parents) with materials such as tip sheets, videos, coloring/activity sheets, posters and a Safety Dog safety pledge.