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With YPA entering the Yellow Phase on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, bus routes will begin running this same day. Because of COVID cleaning and social distancing requirements, the decision has been made by administration to discontinue the afternoon West End bus route. We will continue to run stops to Adnah Church, Museum Road, Garden Sanctuary, AME Zion, LDS and Chester. **If your student is confirmed for a seat on a route, you will be receiving an email on Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> with that confirmation.**

Below is our planned cleaning and capacity requirements for our buses:

**Monitoring Social Distancing and Capacity:**

- The number of students on the bus should be a maximum of 66% of standard capacity.
- Allow only one child on a seat at a time to the extent possible.
  - Wearing of face masks by students will be **REQUIRED**
  - To allow up to 66% capacity, some seats may be occupied by two students if students live in the same household.
  - Three students on a seat should not occur.
- Students may be assigned seats to facilitate the spreading out of students as much as possible and the seating of household members together as necessary.
- Drivers will wear a mask or face covering while operating the bus.
- All buses are equipped with video surveillance and students not observing bus rules including social distancing may lose their bus privileges.

**Cleaning and Disinfecting:**

- Each bus shall be cleaned and then disinfected using an electrostatic handheld sprayer and EPA-approved disinfectant twice per day after completion of morning and afternoon routes.
- We will frequently wipe down touched surfaces with disinfectant, including those in the entrance touched by passengers, such as handrails, and those touched by the driver.
- We will ensure buses are cleaned and disinfected adequately.

**Ventilation:**

- We will increase fresh air flow on the bus via available mechanisms, including opening the roof vents and some windows as weather conditions allow.
  - For buses with air conditioning, increasing circulation of outside air should still be performed to the extent possible, since the air conditioning on buses only recirculates interior air.
  - Recognize that frequent openings of the door will also increase air exchange.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email [hope.moore@yorkprep.org](mailto:hope.moore@yorkprep.org) or call 803-324-4400 ext. 1205.