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Dear C.P.S. families,

The Department of Health and the Department of Education released new guidance surrounding the handling of a suspected or confirmed positive case of COVID-19 on school district vehicles, which includes the following:

All Minnesota school districts must follow the below guidance for rides (15) minutes or longer (and any combination of rides that add up to (15) minutes or longer.):

- If bus seating is not assigned and documented on a daily basis, all riders would be considered contacts.
- If bus seating is assigned and documented, daily riders in the same row as the case, the two rows ahead, and the two rows behind would be considered contacts.
- Drivers who are consistently spaced at least (6) feet away from all passengers (with the exception of students entering/exiting) would not be considered a contact.
- **If the bus ride is longer than (30) minutes, all riders (students and driver) on the bus, even those greater than 6 feet from the positive case, would be considered a close contact.**

It is important to understand that if your child rides the bus/van for (30) or more minutes, and another student tests positive, the results would be an automatic quarantine of 14 days for all students and bus drivers.

This letter is intended to help you make an informed decision about your child's school transportation during this COVID pandemic. We want parents to be aware of the school transportation guidance from MDH and MDE when making these important decisions.

Please continue to help us stay in school by following recommended COVID guidelines both in and out of school. Working together to reduce the spread of COVID will help us stay in school longer. Thanks for all of your support for our school district and I know working together we can do this!

Sincerely,

Ryan Nielsen

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Canby Public School Superintendent

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