



WASHINGTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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HOME OF THE COUGARS



Our Mission Statement is to assist and empower ALL students to reach their full potential in a safe environment.

October 2

Professional Development (Non-Student Day)

Save the date: Oct 7th is International Walk to School Day

International Walk to School Day is a global event of schools in more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. Begun in 1997, it's now a celebration of year-round SRTS. Thousands of schools across America participate.

Watch for more information about walking on October 7th at your school



Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road. School days bring more travelers near schools: Kids are walking, often in groups; other kids on bikes hurrying to get to school before the bell rings; school buses picking up and dropping off; parents driving students to and from school. Remember, speed kills; it's never more important for drivers to **slow down** and pay attention than when kids are present.

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians and Bicyclists

Use great caution near child pedestrians. Developmentally, most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10. Kids may walk or bike erratically. Look out for children in or near schools and parks, no matter who has the right of way. Be extra vigilant when turning to watch for pedestrians and bikes. **Let's keep our kids safe!**

Keeping Walkers Safe:

- Don't block a crosswalk with your car, it forces walkers into moving traffic.
- Always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, obey crossing guards and signals.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Watch for kids coming from behind parked cars.

Keeping Cyclists Safe:

- Watch for bikes at sidewalk crosswalks and coming from driveways.
- Always allow 3 feet between your car and the cyclist when passing.
- Check side mirrors for cyclists before opening your door.

- Beware that child cyclists may not be capable of signaling correctly, or at all.

If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.
- Don't double park; don't make U-turns in the school area.
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.

Sharing the Road with School Buses

It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.

Safety for pedestrians

- Teach kids early to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Teach kids to put phones, headphones and devices down when walking or biking, especially teenagers. Be a good role model by putting down your own devices.
- Walk on sidewalks or paths and use traffic signals and crosswalks where they are present. Cross at intersections.
- If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as practical.

Understanding
School Bus
Flashing Light System

Basically, yellow means caution and red means stop.

Red Flashing Lights: Indicate the bus has stopped, children are getting on or off. Stop and wait until red lights stop flashing before proceeding.

Yellow Flashing Lights: Indicate the bus is preparing to stop. Slow down, prepare to stop your vehicle.

Amber 4 Way/ Hazards: Stopping not required yet proceed with caution.

Idaho law states do not pass a school bus with its red lights flashing.

Do not pass from either direction, stop in both directions.

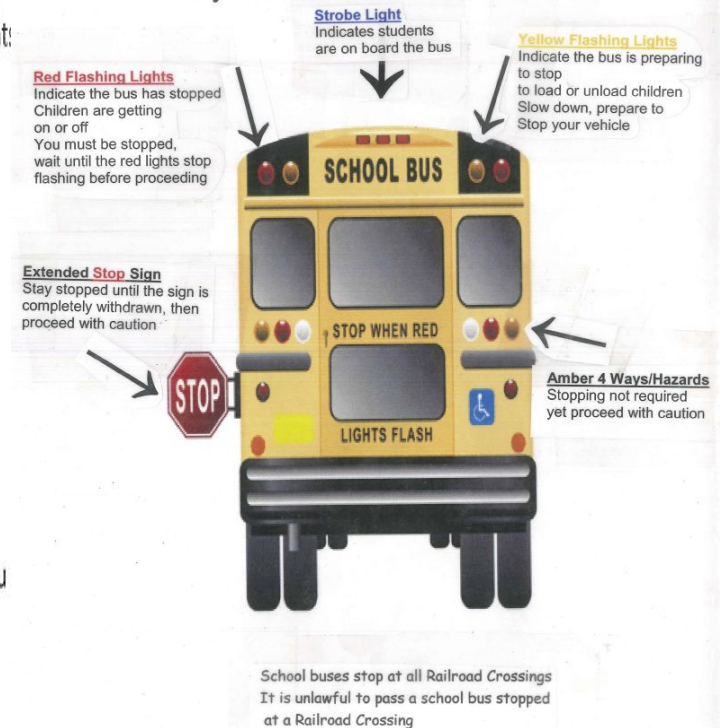
On two lane highways (one lane going north, one lane going south or one lane going east, one lane going west)- everyone must stop for a school bus with red lights flashing.

On roadways with four or more lanes, with two lanes going in each direction, you do not need to stop if you are traveling in the opposite direction of the school bus.

School buses stop at all railroad crossings. It is against the law to pass a school bus at a railroad crossing.

When approaching a school bus that is stopped with its red light flashing and its stop sign extended, stop. Remain stopped until all students are clear of the roadway and the stop sign is retracted.

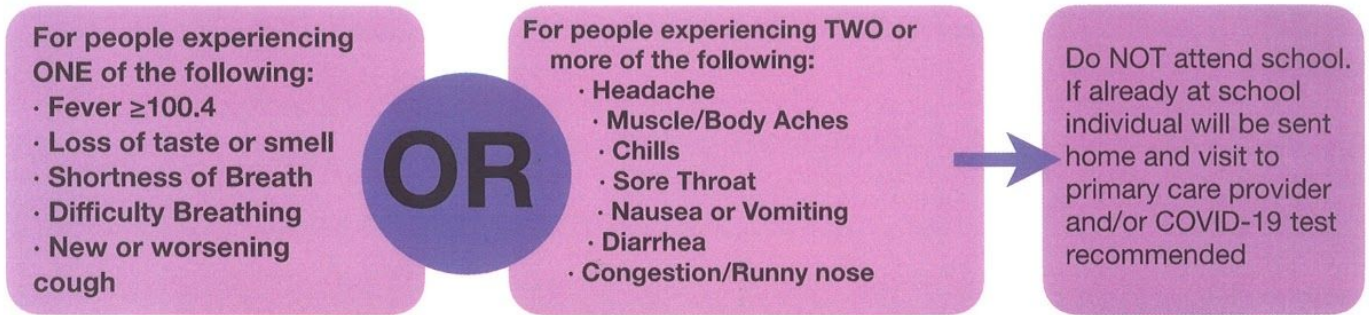
Learn
Flashing Light System
Used
By School Bus Drivers



COVID-19 Decision Tree for School

Information based upon updated guidelines from CDC 9/2020

Follow the appropriate path if a child, student, or staff person is experiencing the following symptoms consistent with COVID-19



When Can I Return To School

WITH EXPOSURE

- CLOSE CONTACT WITH COVID-19 POSITIVE + INDIVIDUAL (15 MINS OR LONGER WITHIN 6 FEET)
- TRAVELED TO AN AREA WITH HIGH COMMUNITY SPREAD

COVID-19 POSITIVE TEST RESULT

MAY RETURN AFTER 10 DAYS HOME ISOLATION FROM FIRST SYMPTOM
AND
24 HOURS FEVER FREE WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION
AND
SYMPTOMS HAVE IMPROVED

HAS SYMPTOMS WITH NO COVID-19 TESTING DONE

MAY RETURN AFTER 14 DAYS HOME QUARANTINE
AND
24 HOURS FEVER FREE WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION
AND
SYMPTOMS HAVE IMPROVED
OR
DOCTOR'S NOTE INDICATING ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSIS
AND
24 HOURS FEVER FREE WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION

EXPOSURE WITH NO SYMPTOMS

MAY RETURN AFTER 14 DAYS HOME QUARANTINE FROM LAST KNOWN EXPOSURE DATE
AND
HAVE NO SYMPTOMS
****CONSULT DOCTOR IF SYMPTOMS DEVELOP FOR COVID-19 TESTING****

IF POSITIVE TEST RESULT SEE ABOVE GUIDELINES

*****EVEN IF A CLOSE CONTACT IS ASYMPTOMATIC AND/OR GETS A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HOME QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS*****

NO EXPOSURE

NO CLOSE CONTACT OR POTENTIAL EXPOSURE

HAS SYMPTOMS DESCRIBED ABOVE WITH COVID-19 NEGATIVE RESULT

SYMPTOMS HAVE IMPROVED
AND/OR
24 HOURS FEVER FREE WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION

HAS CHRONIC/REOCCURRING SYMPTOMS THAT ARE SYMPTOMS DESCRIBED ABOVE WITH NO COVID-19 TESTING DONE

SYMPTOMS HAVE IMPROVED
AND/OR
MAY RETURN AFTER 24 HOURS FEVER FREE WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION
OR
DOCTOR'S NOTE INDICATING ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSIS (EX: SEVERE ALLERGIES, EAR INFECTION... ECT)
AND/OR
24 HOURS FEVER FREE WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION