



Southwestern Ontario
Student Transportation Services

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London, ON: Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services ("STS") ensures extra bus sanitization over extended school break.

At Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services ("STS"), the health and well-being of the students, bus attendants and bus drivers is very important. When school bus service resumes on April 6, 2020, all school purpose vehicles contracted by STS in Oxford, Elgin and Middlesex counties and the city of London will have received an extra thorough cleaning with disinfectant to sanitize the vehicles. From that point on, and for the foreseeable future, bus companies will clean vehicles on a more frequent basis and bus drivers will wipe down high-contact touch areas, like the handrail, tops of seats and windows in between school bus runs.

The transportation system relies on 900 school buses and 250 vans to provide over 100,000 student passenger trips per day. Vehicle hygiene is an important part of protecting the health of the bus drivers and student riders alike.

When service resumes on April 6, STS hopes that families will encourage their students to exercise good respiratory hygiene on the bus, which is very important in enclosed communal space so that germs are not spread to others. The health and safety of the bus attendant, bus driver and other student passengers is riding on it.

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