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Document Name:	Masks/Face-coverings for Students on Board a School Purpose Vehicle During COVID 19
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1. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all students who are eligible for transportation.

2. Policy Statement

All students who use transportation through Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services are required to wear a mask or face-covering while waiting at the school bus stop and on board the vehicle.

Exceptions will be granted for those students with medical exemptions on file with the school.

3. Policy Action Items

Strict physical distancing on board a school purpose vehicle is not possible. Wearing a mask is a respectful signal that says you want to help keep fellow students and the bus driver on board healthy and safe.

The use of a mask or face covering will be strictly enforced for students in grades 4 – 12. Students who do not wear a mask may be denied entry to the vehicle.

The use of a mask or face covering for students in kindergarten through grade 3 is required, but students in those grades will not be denied entry to the vehicle.

Parents/guardians or caregivers who assist students with special needs to and from the vehicle are requested to wear a mask in the vicinity of the vehicle for the well-being of the bus driver and/or bus attendant and/or other passengers.

4. Forms

There are no forms associated with this policy.