

Risk Assessment for Transporting Students During Covid

Question: How can you safely transport students?

1. No Risk

Service: Cancel transportation. Service cannot be provided without risk to students or drivers

Considerations:– take savings from transportation and hire or extend school staff to provide supervision at schools. Possibly recruit school bus drivers to provide supervision at schools

Impact – 47047 (students without service)

TCDSB – 29170

TDSB - 17877

2. Low Risk

Service: Implement social distance policy on bus as best as possible – students in every other seat and staggered across from one another. No mini van or WC service. Maintain school centric routing so only students from same school on same bus to avoid cross contamination. Only one bus used per school with no doubling and no secondary group to use the bus.

Considerations: Students in harness, aides or nurses travelling with students could not be accommodated

Impact - Reduced capacity – TCDSB – 22032 TDSB – 9938 (students without service)

TCDSB – Full Size – 6868 Mini Size – 1350 Total Capacity 8218

TDSB – Full Size – 4298 Mini size – 3641 total Capacity 7939

3. Mid Risk

Service: Implement social distance policy on bus as best as possible – students in every other seat and staggered across from one another. Individualized mini van and WC service. Maintain school centric routing so only students from same school on same bus to avoid cross contamination. If multiple groups are required then 4 day week and alternate weeks to allow for natural decontamination over the 3 day weekend.

Considerations: Students in harness, aides or nurses travelling with students could not be accommodated

Impact - Reduced capacity – TCDSB – 12734 TDSB 1999 (students without service)

TCDSB – Full Size – 13736 Mini Size – 2700 Total Capacity 16436 (alternate week)

TDSB – Full Size – 8596 Mini Size – 7282 Total Capacity 15878 (alternate week)



4. Moderate Risk

Service: Implement a one seat one student solution. Include minimized use of mini van and WC service for high needs students. Allow for limited mixed use of students on bus.

Considerations: Interaction with students has heightened potential in this model with the introduction of high needs / unique circumstance students. Possible use of full size buses to accommodate students with special needs or those other individuals using a mini bus.

Impact: Reduced Capacity – TCDSB – 13326 TDSB – 2508 (students without service)
 TCDSB – Full Size – 13378 Mini Bus – 2430 WC – 28 Mini Van – 8 Total Capacity 15,844
 TDSB – Full Size – 8596 Mini Bus – 6553 WC – 151 Mini Van – 69 Total Capacity 15,369

5. High Risk

Service: Normal delivery - Implement solution that maximizes use of vehicles and time. All students transported as normal.

Considerations: Social distancing is not considered, may be issues with driver availability.

Impact: 0 - all students serviced

- Note: Capacity is based on a student in every seat – given logistics, not all seats will be utilized on every trip reducing capacity further. Specific special needs have not been factored in which will reduce capacity further.