

Safety Protocols

MI Safe Start | Phase 5

Cleaning

Strongly Recommended

- ❑ Frequently touched surfaces including lights, doors, benches, and bathrooms should undergo cleaning at least every four hours with either an [EPA-approved disinfectant](#) or diluted bleach solution.
- ❑ Libraries, computer labs, arts, and other hands-on classrooms should undergo cleaning after every class period with either an [EPA-approved disinfectant](#) or diluted bleach solution. Efforts must be made to minimize sharing of materials between students, as able.
- ❑ Student desks should be wiped down with either an [EPA-approved disinfectant](#) or diluted bleach solution after every class period.
- ❑ Playground structures should continue to undergo normal routine cleaning, but using an EPA-approved disinfectant is unnecessary.
- ❑ Athletic equipment can be cleaned with either an [EPA-approved disinfectant](#) or diluted bleach solution before and after each use.
- ❑ Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing products securely away from children, and with adequate ventilation when staff use such products.

Recommended

- ❑ Staff should wear gloves, surgical masks, and face shield when performing all cleaning activities.

Busing and Student Transportation

Strongly Recommended

- ❑ Strongly encourage the use of hand sanitizer before entering the bus. Hand sanitizer should be supplied on the bus.
- ❑ The bus driver, staff, and all students in grades preK-12, if medically feasible, should wear facial coverings while on the bus.
- ❑ Clean and disinfect transportation vehicles regularly. Children should not be present when a vehicle is being cleaned.
- ❑ [Clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle (e.g., surfaces in the driver's cockpit, hard seats, arm rests, door handles, seat belt buckles, light and air controls, doors and windows, and grab handles) prior to morning routes and prior to afternoon routes.
- ❑ Clean, sanitize, and disinfect equipment including items such as car seats and seat belts, wheelchairs, walkers, and adaptive equipment being transported to schools.
- ❑ Create a plan for getting students home safely if they are not allowed to board the vehicle.
- ❑ If a student becomes sick during the day, they should not use group transportation to return home and should follow protocols outlined above.
- ❑ If a driver becomes sick during the day, they should follow protocols for sick staff outlined above and should not return to drive students.

Recommended

- ❑ Weather permitting, keep doors and windows open when cleaning the vehicle and between trips to let the vehicles thoroughly air out.
- ❑ Weather permitting, consider keeping windows open while the vehicle is in motion to help reduce spread of the virus by increasing air circulation, if appropriate and safe.