



## Social Distancing and School Vehicles

In the event a school vehicle is used to transport students while in Phase I or Phase II of Gov. Laura Kelly's current plan to reopen Kansas, social distancing would apply.

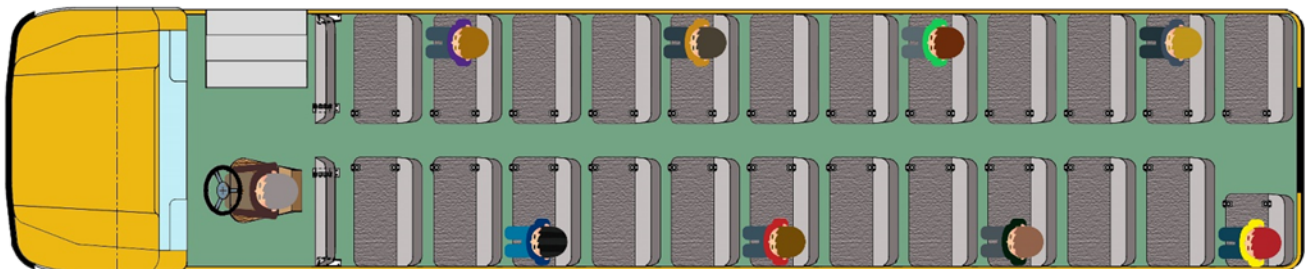
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Social distancing on an activity bus, school bus or school passenger vehicle will reduce the rated capacity all these vehicles approximately 85–90%.

For example, a 71-passenger rated school bus, while adhering to 6-foot social distancing, will only be allowed to transport eight students (based on shoulder to shoulder). See the example below for proper placement of students. Because of compartmentalization, you can use the following spacing starting from the front of the bus and working toward the back on any size school bus.

Other size buses, based on their rated capacity, will be reduced as indicated in this chart.

RATED CAPACITY	STUDENTS
35	4
41	4
47	5
53	6
59	6
65	7
66	7
72	8
77	8
78	8
84	9

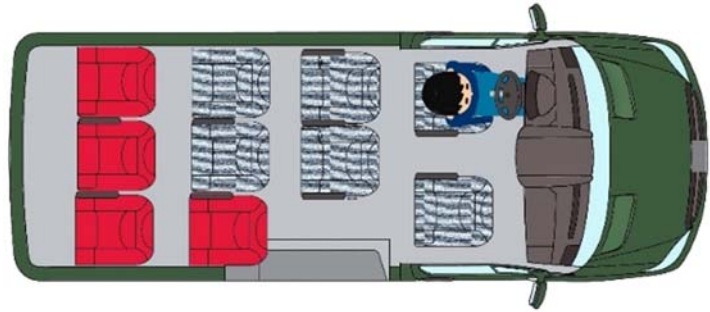




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School passenger vehicles, such as a large SUV, minivan or 10-passenger rated Ford Transit vans, only will be able to transport one student to comply with 6-foot social distancing by using a third or fourth row seat. Two- or four-door passenger cars/sedans won't meet social distancing requirements.

To comply with 6-foot social distancing. ONLY one student could be transported in a Ford 10-passenger rated Transit van, with the choice of using any one of the seats signified in red.



It is recommended the driver of the bus or school passenger vehicle wear a mask and the vehicle be cleaned and sanitized after every trip. **The installation of any type of barrier around the driver would be considered a modification of the bus and prohibited by law. The same would apply to mounted hand sanitizers.**

If you require further guidance, please contact your local county health department.

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