



## PENNRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: All Nurses & Custodians

SUBJECT: Students sick on the bus

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the nurses, custodians, and bus drivers of the procedure the Pennridge School District Transportation Department follows when a student becomes sick on the bus during transportation. If the driver is in route to the school for a morning run, a radio transmission is made to the office informing him/her of a sick student on board.

The office will notify the school of the time of arrival of the bus, the bus number, and that a school nurse is needed for a sick student. If possible, the school nurse will be waiting for the student's arrival at the bus platform. If a child has vomited or released any other bodily fluids, the office will also notify the school that the driver will be arriving within a certain time period and a mop and bucket needs to be supplied. The custodian should meet the bus with the equipment designated for clean up of bodily fluids, including a hazardous waste bag that will then have to be disposed of in the nurse's office by the custodian or nurse. **The driver and/or aide on the bus will be responsible to clean up the fluids.**

**If a student becomes ill or gets hurt before leaving the school, please have the student taken to the nurse's office for evaluation. The nurse will call for the parent for alternate transportation, if deemed necessary.**

If a student becomes sick during his ride home, unless the bus is very close to the school, the office will call and have a parent meet the bus if possible. The driver will notify the office of their next school destination and when they are arriving. The office will call ahead and ask the custodian to meet the bus with the mop, bucket, hazardous waste bag and additional disposable gloves. **The procedure will again be for the driver to clean up the fluids.**

This is a joint effort among the driver, nurse and custodian. Cooperation will be needed to aid the sick student and enable the driver to clean up the bus as quickly as possible for his/her next school run. If this becomes impossible, a spare bus will be sent to help them complete their transportation duties, if possible.