

School Buses under Level 2 - what you need to know.

The Government has announced that, from Midday on 12 August, the Wellington region moves back into Level 2 restrictions. Here's what it means for students traveling to school with Metlink.



For Students catching Metlink school bus services:

- Face masks or face coverings will not need to be worn on school buses
- All seats can be occupied on school bus services
- Standing is not allowed
- Students must follow physical distancing guidelines of 2 metres whilst waiting at the bus stop
- While we will endeavour to get students to/ from school but it is wise for students to have a plan "B" alternative to public transport in case the bus is full
- We request school staff to manage the after school boarding of buses, to ensure physical distancing can be maintained
- Students are to use the hand sanitiser provided before taking their seat
- We request that schools continue to keep a log of students travelling on school services for contact tracing purposes. In addition, students with registered snapper cards can access their travel logs, and there are QR codes available on buses for students to scan

For Students catching Metlink public bus services:

- As from Monday 31 August the wearing of a face mask or face covering is mandatory on all public transport for anyone aged 12 and over. There will be certain exemptions for health, disability and practicality reasons, but we are waiting for confirmation
- Any form of face covering is sufficient. If you don't have a mask, you can use a scarf or bandana to cover your face
- Masks and face coverings do not replace physical distancing requirements on public transport
- Physical distancing guidelines must be adhered to at bus stops and on board
- There is a limited capacity on bus services during Alert Level 2
- Standing is not allowed on Metlink bus services
- While we will endeavour to get students to/ from school, but it is wise for students to have a plan "B" alternative to public transport in case the bus is full



Schools should be prepared to:

- Have a register of students on each bus to help with contact tracing if it's needed
- Understand the physical distancing and hygiene requirements and can assist if needed

You'll find more information on the Metlink website or you can call **0800 801 700**.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as all these changes happen.