Dallas ISD has been forever affected by a virus which caused it to close indefinitely along with other city services during Spring Break, 2020. The sudden school closure left those in Student Transportation with several questions. As we move forward planning for the opening of school we are faced with a new normal.

The new normal post COVID-19 can last anywhere from a few more months to a year or more. This new normal includes social distancing, hand hygiene, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) temperature readings, and other safety measures which will be put in place to protect our drivers, monitors and students while on the school bus.

Social Distancing - means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. To practice social or physical distancing:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from other people
- Do not gather in groups
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings

Hand hygiene includes the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer or handwashing. Hand hygiene is a simple yet effective way to prevent the spread of pathogens and infections.

PPE since the disease is thought to be transmitted by respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, a face mask is recommended to prevent the spread of the virus.

What does all of this mean for Student Transportation? It means that all of these will be taken into consideration as we plan to reopen the District this fall. Our goal is to ensure the overall safety of our students and our drivers and monitors. More information to come.
COVID-19 is no laughing matter and safety is definitely of most importance, but during times like these, it is important to keep a sense of humor. Let’s lighten up a little and have some fun.

Send us a picture of you wearing your fun mask and you can win a $75 Visa Gift card. Deadline to submit your picture is May 29, 2020. You must be in the picture (not just a picture of a mask) be sure to include your name and Service Center. Send your pictures to transportation@dallasisd.org. We will publish the winner in the next newsletter.

DOT Physicals

The time has come again for the annual DOT physical exam. Dallas ISD Student Transportation Services will be hosting the exams on June 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5th. Exams will be scheduled to accommodate social distancing and keep everyone safe. NO WALK INS. Drivers who have an expiring DOT in June will be contacted by phone, text or email and given the information on how to schedule their DOT exam appointment. After you have scheduled your appointment online, you will receive an email to fill out the exam paperwork prior to your appointment. This must be completed before you can be seen by the doctor. Please follow the steps below for a successful medically qualified DOT:

1. Respond to the phone call, text, or email to schedule your exam.
2. Go online and schedule your appointment.
3. Fill out pre-exam paperwork online.
4. Prepare your medication list and previous medical history to share with the doctor at the exam.
5. Cancellation notification is requested 48 hours prior to your appointment time if possible.
6. Running a fever, feeling ill or coughing on the day of exam? DO NOT come to appointment and call 214-984-6463.
7. Do not bring anyone with you, including children, to the appointment. They will not be admitted to the building.
8. On day of appointment arrive 5 minutes early to park and be admitted to the building.
9. Have your driver’s license with you.
10. Even though we would love to see your smiling face, please be wearing your face mask.

Please check your current DOT expiration date. If you do not receive a phone call, text or email to schedule your exam, please contact Lori Sears, Safety and Training Manager (214) 984-6463.

Unemployment & The Texas Workforce Commission

Recently, there has been a flurry of emails in reference to filing for unemployment and there is question regarding who qualifies. There are a couple of terms that employees should know as they consider unemployment.

Employment Status after my Last Day

Drivers and monitors have a work schedule of 185 days. After your last scheduled work day, your employment status does not automatically change. We understand that COVID-19 has created an atmosphere of uncertainty and we would like you to know that Dallas ISD is dedicated to the wellbeing of our employees throughout the summer. While the nature of supplemental summer duties have changed, we still have opportunities available for our active employees.

Active Employee – Individuals who fulfill their work requirements of 185 days remain as active employees until the start of the next school year unless a separation or termination of employment occurs. Benefits of remaining active include:

- Retain your seniority
- Supplemental Duty Opportunities (ability to work and be compensated for summer assignments)
- Ability to participate in District provided services such as DOT Physicals, Bus Certification renewals, etc.

Separated Employee – Individuals who no longer work for the District because of separation or termination has occurred.

The Texas Workforce Commission is the organization which determines the eligibility of unemployment for their applicants. Dallas ISD will not contest any determination made by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Texas Workforce Commission: 800-939-6631
Dallas ISD Risk Management: 972-925-4050

Know your EAD

Password Self-Service is a system that Dallas Independent School District (Dallas ISD) uses to allow individual users to manage their password. Users can change their password and update the answers to their challenge response questions. This functionality is available for all staff, contract staff and secondary students. This Password Self-Service portal uses ones Dallas ISD Enterprise Active Directory (EAD) username/password for authentication and ones Dallas ISD email address when it needs to send information to the employee.

To change your password or if you forgot your password, please visit password.dallasisd.org
The Dallas ISD Operations Division is seeking active employees from Transportation and Food Services who would like to work extra duties for supplemental pay.

**Supplemental Opportunity 1**
Assist the Maintenance and Operations Department with tasks such as painting, summer cleaning and other building maintenance opportunities.

- Pay: $15 / hour
- One Shift: 2:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Monday - Friday

**Supplemental Opportunity 2**
Assist with the re-opening of District central office facilities with tasks such as using a contactless thermometer on all individuals who arrive to work prior to them going into the building, assist with the maintenance of social distancing and assist with maintaining a schedule of disinfecting surfaces.

- Pay: $15 / hour
- Shifts: 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
  8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Monday - Friday

If Interested, please go to [https://www.dallasisd.org/Page/59008](https://www.dallasisd.org/Page/59008) to submit form of interest.