Steps for Bus Drivers When Students Fail a Screening

When a student exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms shows up at the bus stop, school district policies will determine whether the affected student should be allowed to board. Here’s a look at how some districts will direct drivers to handle the dilemma.

1. **SCREEN**: A bus monitor will check each student's temperatures OR students will be asked a series of symptom-screening questions.

2. **ISOLATE**: If students fail a screening and do not have a parent, guardian, or supervising adult present at the bus stop, the student will be socially distanced on the school bus and brought to an isolation room at their school OR the driver stops the route and waits at the bus stop until the student is picked up by a parent or guardian.

3. **NOTIFY**: Drivers must notify their transportation supervisors and staff at the child’s school. In the Marietta, Ga., City Schools, if a child has two such instances of a fever or potential COVID-19 symptoms and no parent, guardian or supervising adult at the morning bus stop, bus privileges may be revoked for the remainder of the semester.

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