



Southwestern Ontario
Student Transportation Services

Ready to Roll:
A roadmap for safely
returning students to school by
bus.



Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services (STS) is a non-profit incorporation jointly owned by the London District Catholic School Board and the Thames Valley District School board. The STS service area encompasses more than 7,000 square kilometers, in Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford counties and within the cities of Woodstock, St Thomas and London.

There are 100,000 enrolled students in the service area, 50,000 of which are eligible for bussing based on distance, program, or students who have special needs. STS is responsible for transportation route planning and overseeing the daily provision of service delivered by 7 contractors. The contractors are responsible for fleet ownership and employee management, including having sufficient of bus drivers trained to meet service requirements set by STS.

As a result of COVID 19, STS will make considerable changes to the transportation system in the area so that guidelines released from public health and the Ministry of Education can be met.

The intent of this document is to outline the key operational areas for consideration when planning school bus operations for fall of 2020 and beyond. The document may be periodically amended from time to time, based on updates from the appropriate authorities.

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On August 7, 2020, the document was reviewed with members from the Southwest Public Health Unit and the Middlesex London Health Unit. STS would like to thank the participants for their input.

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