



Hello:

A few weeks ago, ISBA sent out a Transportation Memo regarding the status of the current model contract for transportation and whether or not a termination was viable considering the COVID-19 Pandemic. Unfortunately, there was no provision within the model contract to address the current COVID-19 situation. ISBA immediately acted, and asked the SDE to consider provisions in the model contract that would add additional protections to school districts and charter schools that contract for their transportation services. This is an update for our members:

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**Q: What is the status of the model contract that the SDE sends to districts/schools to use for transportation services?**

**A:** ISBA has been working with our legal counsel to ask the State Department to amend that contract. Our efforts have been successful, and the new contract you will be issued will have additional protections for the school district. We suggest you consider working with your contractor to determine who will be responsible for upholding the cleaning standards of your local health district.

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**Q: May we add additional provisions to the State's model contract?**

**A:** Schools and districts are allowed to add addenda to the model contract, outlining additional provisions such as the previously mentioned cleaning protocols. Like the contract, the addenda must be reviewed by the SDE **prior** to signing the addenda.

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**Q: When does the SDE need to be provided a copy of the contract, or addenda to the transportation contract?**

**A: Before either party sign the contract or any addenda,** a copy must be submitted, reviewed, and approved by the SDE. Once you are given the green light by the SDE, you will need to submit a **signed** copy.