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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We know that many people have been concerned about the coronavirus and are wondering what we, here at the Greater Hartford Transit District and First Transit are doing to ensure the safety of our riders and our drivers. The staff has been monitoring the situation and have been working with local, state, and national agencies and organizations to plan for this.

Routinely, buses are cleaned every night before going into service the next day. This week we have introduced a more robust cleaning program. The cleaning crews are wiping down every bus at the end of service. We are having the staff continue a comprehensive cleaning program for paratransit vehicles, which includes both daily cleaning and disinfecting and a routine deep cleaning. These measures are only part of the equation. These areas can become dirty again during service when touched by passengers. We will be assessing the cleaning and disinfecting program regularly but remember, the public health recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) urge everyone which includes our passengers to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces often.
- Please keep your distance from others (6 feet if possible).

As the Coronavirus continues, we will continue to work closely with CTDOT and associated federal agencies who are leading the way in regard to this public health crisis.

Resource Information:

- **Centers for Disease Control – Coronavirus page** – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **State of Connecticut – Coronavirus page** – <http://ct.gov/coronavirus>
- **State of Connecticut – Coronavirus Hotline** – Call 211 or text “CTCOVID” to 898211

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