

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR OUR ADA PARATRANSIT PASSENGERS

The Greater Hartford Transit District continues to take precautionary and required measures in regard to our passengers and drivers. As of Wednesday, May 19, the State of Connecticut has lifted all remaining business restrictions put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Ned Lamont signed an executive order to align Connecticut's mask and face-covering policy with the new CDC guidelines. Masks however will still be required for everyone while using public transportation such as ADA Paratransit. The CDC notes that people may not be able to distance themselves by the recommended minimum of 6 feet from other people seated nearby while on public transportation so therefore masks are mandated (**except for those with an approved exemption**). As trips continue to increase, our passengers will most likely see an increase in the number of passengers on our vehicles especially during peak times.

The Greater Hartford Transit District and First Transit are continuing to do everything possible to reduce the possible spread of the COVID-19. The management staff is vigilant about monitoring the situation and are continuing to work with local, state, and national agencies to be routinely informed about how we protect the safety of our passengers, drivers, and staff. Our vehicles continue to be cleaned every night before going into service the next day. The cleaning program is a very detailed and robust one. This includes both a daily cleaning and the use of a coronavirus disinfecting agent along with a nightly deep cleaning. These measures are only part of the equation. We continue to reassess the cleaning and disinfecting program regularly, but remember the public health recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) urge everyone to do the following:

- **Please make sure to wear a mask when boarding the ADA Paratransit vehicle and for the duration of your trip.**
- **Please keep your distance from others.**
- **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.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

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