



PRESS RELEASE

Sandusky Transit System's Response to COVID-19

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 (Sandusky, Ohio) - Sandusky Transit System (STS) was recently notified that four (4) employees of First Transit, which is the contracted service provider for the Sandusky Transit System, were possibly exposed to COVID-19.

The health and safety of all employees and riders of STS is of the highest importance. Sandusky Transit System has been in contact with the Erie County Health Department, and based on their recommendations, the employees are currently at home and will be self-monitoring for symptoms for 14 days.

Sandusky Transit System, in compliance with guidelines from the Erie County Health Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Ohio Department of Transportation, has been taking the following steps to help keep all riders and employees safe:

- The number of riders, including the driver, is limited to no more than 10 individuals per vehicle
- Riders are asked to abide by signage in the vehicles to help ensure riders are sitting six (6) feet apart from each other.
- Each vehicle is sanitized three times a day, including an interior wipe down of high contact surfaces using cleaning and disinfection protocols from the CDC.
- Drivers have been instructed to wear masks to protect themselves and riders.
- To help limit interaction with money or passes, Sandusky Transit System is not currently collecting fares.

Sandusky Transit System is deemed an essential service. STS remains committed to providing essential trips for riders and will continue to prioritize the safety of riders who depend on Sandusky Transit System's services.

As a reminder, there are everyday actions people can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- [Washing hands](#) often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- [Cover your mouth](#) and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid exposure to others who are sick.
- Routinely clean all frequently touched surfaces.

For the most up-to-date information about changes to transit routes and services due to COVID-19, please visit www.sanduskytransit.com/ServiceUpdates.

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