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## **CCRTA Adjusting Services in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) has begun temporarily adjusting its service levels, as part of the organization’s proactive response to the coronavirus (COVID-19.) The health and safety of customers, employees, and community members is the organization’s top priority.

CCRTA began adjusting service levels on March 18<sup>th</sup>, with service ending earlier on select routes. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, CCRTA began running a modified Saturday schedule, with service concluding earlier on select routes. The continued adjustments have been implemented in order to promote social distancing, public health, and to accommodate for enhanced cleaning procedures.

The schedule changes allow for rigorous cleaning of CCRTA buses, paratransit vehicles, transfer stations, and facilities with hospital grade cleaning solutions throughout each day. In addition, all CCRTA buses (including paratransit) and facilities undergo a thorough misting disinfectant sprayer treatment at the conclusion of bus service or business.

All CCRTA buses (including paratransit), and facilities have been equipped with hand sanitizer stations to help reduce the spread of germs. CCRTA is also keeping riders informed through digital displays, posters, flyers, service alerts, and social media.

Public transportation is an essential service, and CCRTA will continue to be responsive to the transportation needs of the community unless mandated by executive order. CCRTA is appreciative of the community’s efforts to mitigate the spread of germs through the maintenance of proper hygiene, social distancing, and a reduction of public contact and travel. The organization asks that any individual who is feeling sick, avoid using public transportation, in order to maintain a safe work environment for bus operators, riders, and community members.

CCRTA has maintained communication with the Office of Emergency Management with both the City of Corpus Christi, and Nueces County. CCRTA will continue to coordinate with governmental agencies as it relates to public health and safety. The organization is mindful of the workforce and community’s well-being as it strives to provide safe public transportation to the area.

For the latest information on service adjustments, CCRTA’s response to COVID-19, and other updates, please visit [ccrta.org](http://ccrta.org).

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***About the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority:** The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority was created by the people in 1986 to provide quality transportation and enhance the regional economy in a responsible manner consistent with its financial resources and the diverse needs of the people. The CCRTA covers 841 square miles of service and just over five million passenger trips annually with 48 fixed routes, paratransit, and van pool services. Visit our website at <http://www.ccrta.org>.*