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**CCRTA Responsive to Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) continues to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus, and it how may potentially affect the CCRTA and Coastal Bend region. Our priority as an organization, is the safety of all CCRTA workforce, riders, and community members.

CCRTA has maintained communication with both the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County. CCRTA will continue to coordinate with other local, regional, and national agencies as it relates to public health and safety.

**CCRTA is proactively taking measures to protect the health and safety of patrons, employees, tenants, and community members including:**

- **Enhanced cleaning throughout transportation system.** All transportation, seating, bus shelters, high touch surfaces, and common locations, are being treated with enhanced hospital grade cleaning solutions throughout the day. CCRTA staff will also treat offices and buses (including paratransit vehicles) with misting disinfectant sprayers at close of business or end of bus service.
- **Increased preventative measures.** CCRTA has equipped all buses (including paratransit cutaway vans) with hand sanitizer stations. CCRTA will have hand sanitizer stations readily available throughout their buildings to help reduce the spread of germs.
- **Expanded communication.** Messaging with coronavirus information, symptoms, and prevention will also be displayed throughout CCRTA buildings and transportation through digital displays, posters, flyers. Messaging will also be communicated via website, rider alerts, and social media.
- **Intensified Workplace Safety.** Employees who have influenza/flu-like symptoms will not be penalized for missing work with a doctor's verified excuse or diagnosis paperwork. CCRTA has also postponed any public meetings or gatherings inside CCRTA facilities or transportation until further notice.

CCRTA will continue to update the public about the local impact, status, and response to COVID-19 coronavirus, as more information is gathered. The organization will continue to invest in resources, communication, and educational information in order to minimize the risk of the virus. CCRTA is mindful of the health and safety of its workforce and community, as CCRTA strives to provide safe public transportation to the area.

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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>.*