



MEDIA ADVISORY

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As Travel Restrictions Continue, WeGo Empowers Operators *Additional measures necessary to maintain Social Distancing*

NASHVILLE – In order to ensure continued public health and safety while riding transit in Nashville, WeGo Public Transit, in collaboration with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1235, is empowering bus drivers to take control of operating procedures to better maintain social distancing. These discretionary measures taken by bus operators could include maintaining space between passengers onboard the bus, queue management and guidance, and altering boarding activities when conditions allow.

This is one of a number of steps WeGo has taken recently to ensure the continued health and safety of bus operators as well as passengers as the agency continues to provide essential transportation services to Nashvillians.

Other measures taken to improve safety while riding transit as COVID-19 continues to be present in our communities are:

- Distributing face masks and gloves to all bus operators and maintenance personnel to wear during their shifts.
- Displaying signage to encourage customers to wear face masks onboard transit vehicles if they have a mask.
- Stationing staff at WeGo Central to jump aboard buses in between trips to disinfect high-touch surfaces before the next passengers board.
- Continued messaging to customers to only ride transit when absolutely necessary.

Members of the public are encouraged to sign up for WeGo's newsletter, follow them on social media, and visit WeGoTransit.com to get updates on the agency's COVID-19 response efforts, as well as service updates.

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