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Our Region Is Speaking With One Voice
Stay Home. Essential Travel Only

Northeastern Connecticut Transit District (NECTD) is asking people who must take transit to do so for essential travel only - otherwise, please stay home. Reducing demand will make our service safer for those who depend on it for essential needs, and for those who operate it. NECTD ridership is now down more than 60 percent from one week ago and expectations are that that number will grow.

Those who must take transit should use discretion, take action to prevent the spread of germs, and consider alternative transportation modes if concerned. When taking transit, riders are asked to practice social distancing and leave space between themselves and other passengers and the operator.

To better protect the people who ride our buses and our drivers we are not allowing passengers to sit in the first two rows of seats and we are limiting the total number of passengers to five at any one time. Our drivers have discretion to bypass bus stops if their vehicle is too crowded to maintain safe social distancing. You can always call us for a reservation (860-779-3902) during this crisis to better ensure a ride. Additionally, drivers will not be handing discount cards, selling discount ride passes, handling cash or collecting fares - **NO person will be denied a ride.**

While our buses are being regularly disinfected, passengers need to support these efforts. We ask that passengers enter and exit buses quickly and avoid speaking to the driver.

**IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL, HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 (Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath) OR IF YOU THINK YOU MAY HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH AN INFECTED PERSON, YOU MUST AVOID TAKING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.**

Instead, do the following:

- **CALL YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER BEFORE LEAVING YOUR HOME.** Do not show up without calling first. Your healthcare provider may want to send you to an alternate location.

- **FOLLOW YOUR PROVIDER’S INSTRUCTIONS.** Don’t use public transit. Let your doctor’s office know if you have transportation needs. They will provide instructions for you to get help. Again, to protect the health and safety our employees, their families, and your fellow passengers, do not use NECTD if you are not feeling well.

While we are doing all we can to operate on schedule, riders should expect that service may be somewhat unpredictable.

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