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Gary Public Transportation Corporation COVID-19 Update

Gary, IN...(March 20, 2020) Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC) is committed to the safety of our riders and staff. GPTC continues to run regular bus service at this time for those who rely on public transportation in order to work, access health care, food, and other important resources.

“We are following the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control daily for updates to the current protocols, says Jocqueline Protho, human resources director for GPTC. “As always, our staff continues to clean and sanitize buses daily, following all of the same precautionary measures as other transit agencies across the country. Our drivers are equipped with disinfectant wipes in between routes. We recently implemented cycle cleaning and sanitizing during breaks to wipe surfaces such as arm rails, fare boxes, seats, and other surfaces that riders may touch,” confirms Protho.

As a precaution against the spread of the coronavirus, GPTC encourages riders and staff to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Put distance between yourself and other people: drivers are to limit hand-to-hand contact and avoid close interactions.
- Wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid crowds when you can. If you can commute at less busy times, or wait for a less crowded bus, do that.
- If you're experiencing symptoms, call ahead to your health-care provider before you go in person.

For the convenience of GPTC’s riders, and to make it easier to practice safe social-distancing, riders are able to purchase bus passes on smart phones with the Token Transit app, available on Google Play and the App Store. Pay with credit, debit or commuter benefits card. For more details and the most up-to-date information on route schedules, please visit: <https://www.garytransit.com>.

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GPTC provides fixed-route transit in Gary and nine other communities in Northwest Indiana.

GPTC also provides complementary curb-to-curb paratransit service to those who are, due to a disability, unable to use its fixed-route service. Follow GPTC on Twitter (@GaryTransit) and on Facebook (keyword “GaryTransit”) for service alerts and announcements. Call 219.884.6100 x 0 or message the GaryTransit Facebook page for any questions.