

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



SHOUT OUT: We recently received the following from a parent with a child in the Longwood School District concerning driver Justine DeLalio - "we are going on our 10th year (and probably our last as our youngest is in 4th grade) with Miss Justine. We love her! I have always felt safe knowing that she is driving safely and taking care of our kids. She is always prompt and dependable! We love knowing that Miss Justine is so consistent! It makes my kids feel very comfortable too!" This is

what we strive for each day with each child. We are proud to have Justine on our team!

SLEEPING CHILDREN/UNATTENDED CHILD: In the beginning of the school year many children are getting used to a new routine and may fall asleep on the bus. It is critical that you follow our safety policy for checking for sleeping children. See pg. 81 in your Safety Manual for our policy. You must SEARCH your bus before & after and each and every time you move your vehicle. You must SEARCH the entire vehicle for sleeping/unattended children, especially, without limitation, under every seat. If you fail to perform this check, you will be subject to disciplinary action. If a child is left on your vehicle, or if a child that requires an authorized adult - parent, guardian, school or facility personnel - to accept the child is not present when dropping off a child, and you neglect this requirement, your employment will be terminated. This is a zero-tolerance policy, and no excuses are accepted, and no exceptions are made. If your route requires a driver assistant, you and the driver assistant must SEARCH the vehicle for sleeping/unattended children.



COVID TESTING BEGINS NEXT WEEK: We have secured on-site testing beginning next week. Please refer to Wednesday's update for dates & locations on My Parking Space. Copies of the update can be found in the driver's room. Any questions pertaining to testing can be sent to questions@suffolkbus.com or ask your supervisor.

TRANSIT SENSITIVITY CLASSES: Class registration is open on MPS. Classes will be held in Coram, 1849 Pond Rd and Saxon. Class dates are:

Sat. 10/9/21 - 7:00 am / Sun. 10/10/21 - 7:00 am / Sun. 10/10/21 - 11:30 am / Mon. 10/11/21 - 7:00 am

DMV UPDATE: Drivers may receive a notice from DMV notifying them their Medical Examiner's Certificate has expired and their license will be downgraded. This notice is tied into the many COVID-19 waivers that have now expired and DMV having to handle the number of renewals that were sent their way. Please be assured that all medical cards were sent up to DMV for processing at the appropriate time. If you receive this notice, advise your supervisor. We will follow up with DMV. Do not send cards to DMV, duplications will only further delay the process.

PAYROLL DISCREPANCIES: If anyone has already submitted a payroll discrepancy, please do not submit another as we are working as quickly as possible to review all discrepancies received.

ODDS & ENDS: Roof hatches are being left open overnight. While ventilation is important, please close them as part of your post trip in case of inclement weather.



Our Facebook spotlight this week will be Katherine Acevedo, Supervisor out of the Coram yard

"Kindness is free, sprinkle it everywhere"