

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:** Avoiding pedestrian collisions requires focus. Never underestimate what a pedestrian may do. Many pedestrians wear dark clothes which makes them difficult to see. Much of your route is on residential streets where there is a lot of pedestrian traffic. As professional drivers, following the safety tips below will lead to a safer trip:

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.
- Have an attitude of pedestrian responsibility.
- Never assume a pedestrian sees you.
- Follow pedestrian safety laws always stop or yield to pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk.
- Proceed slowly in areas with lots of pedestrian traffic.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning. Look in all directions before making a turn and clear your mirrors.
- Avoid distractions. Distracted driving kills.
- Use caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
- Be cautious when backing, pedestrians can move into your path.

**TSA BUS INSPECTION**: Earlier this month a TSA Inspection was conducted in our Medford yard. Packages were placed on buses prior to them leaving the yard by TSA agents. 100% of the packages were found during the pre-trip. Thank you to the Longwood drivers for conducting a proper pre-trip before leaving the yards. Your efforts keep you and your passengers safe! Remember: if you see something, say something! **ATTENTION B/PS LICENSE HOLDERS**: Full-time A-teamer positions are available. A-teamers cover routes for both large bus, van, and DA routes as needed. The position is a 40-hour work week, and you must have a B/PS license. If interested, contact your Center Manager.

**<u>REMEMBER</u>**: If your route is not running on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, you will not be paid IF your route began before Labor Day. If you are working for any part of your route, you will be paid your guarantee. **<u>COVID TESTING SCHEDULE</u>**: Please take note of the testing schedule for next week due to the

Thanksgiving holiday:

Monday,11/22/21 [rapid]	Coram Hiring Center, 2152 Route 112, Coram	9:30AM - 5:30PM
Tuesday,11/23/21 [rapid]	Bay Shore Hiring Center, 2309 Union Blvd, Bay Shore	9:30AM - 5:30PM
Tuesday,11/23/21 [PCR]	10 Harold Court, Bay Shore	10:00AM - 12:00PM
Wednesday, 11/24/21 [PCR]	1849 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma Trailer	10:00AM - 12:00PM

In addition, the Brentwood School District is now doing COVID saliva testing. If you prefer this method, you can get your weekly testing done at the district locations. To get information on locations and times, email <u>guestions@suffolkbus.com</u>. Please put SALVIA TEST in the subject line. We will email you the days and locations for testing in the Brentwood District. You must register for an appointment, walk-ins are not accepted.



**FACEBOOK**: This week's spotlight is Lauren Floyd, driver assistant for Commack School District out of 1849 Pond & 1849 part-time receptionist

"As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way"

