

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



*Safety Newsletter*

November 5, 2021



SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

**OSHA COVID TESTING GUIDELINES:** We expect the OSHA regulations for companies of over 100 employees to be vaccinated or test weekly to be in effect in the near future. Our school bus operations have already started the testing process thru our on-site testing program. All Management, Shop and Transit employees who are vaccinated need to give us proof of vaccination, if you have not already done so. You can upload your vaccination card on My Parking Space or at our web site at [suffolkbus.com](http://suffolkbus.com):

-My Parking Space: Click on "Helpful Links"; Click on "Vaccination Card Upload", follow instructions

-On website: go to [suffolkbus.com](http://suffolkbus.com); Click on "Employee Portal"; Click on "Vaccination Card Upload", follow instructions

If you are not vaccinated, you will need to test weekly either at one of our on-site locations or off-site if you prefer. More information will be forthcoming in weekly Newsletters and Wednesday updates.

**IDLING POLICY:** With temperatures turning colder please refresh yourself with the Idling Policy in our SSPP Safety Manual (Section 14.10). Please refrain from leaving your bus unattended in the yard or anywhere else while it's running and never let it run for more than 5 minutes unless the engine needs to be running to operate safety equipment or the temperature is below 24° [F]. All buses also need to be turned off while on school grounds except in the case of student special needs accommodations. Remember, the GPS technology automatically records idling time which can result in disciplinary action or the reimbursement of any fine imposed on the Company.



**TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY:** When Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7, many people will find themselves spending more time driving in the dark. Depth perception, color recognition and peripheral vision can be compromised in the dark and the glare of headlights from an oncoming vehicle can temporarily blind a driver. Even with high-beam headlights on, visibility is limited to about 500 feet, creating less time to react to something in the road, especially when driving at higher speeds. Pedestrians in dark clothes walking in the street may not be seen at dusk. What should you do to combat darkness? Make sure your headlights are clean / Dim your dashboard

/ Look away from oncoming lights / Clean the windshield to eliminate streaks / Slow down to compensate for limited visibility and reduced stopping time. **ALL DRIVERS & DRIVER ASSISTANTS SHOULD BE WEARING COMPANY JACKETS WITH REFLECTIVE STRIPES.**

**CORRECTION - RUNNING LATE:** In last week's Newsletter we indicated school bus drivers should radio in when they are running more than 15 minutes behind schedule, however, we would request that you call dispatch if you're going to be more than 5 minutes behind schedule.

**EXTRA HOURS:** Our Para-transit Call Center located at 1980 Pond Rd. is looking for a few individuals that have data entry skills. The hours for the position are 5 PM- 8PM. The number of hours worked will depend on your route hours. If you are interested, please contact [cburke-iveschich@suffolkbus.com](mailto:cburke-iveschich@suffolkbus.com) for more information.



**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Marino Trejospinzon, van driver for Brentwood in district out of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

*"What you are will show in what you do"*